North Sea oil promises trade balance this year

lapid increases being made in output of North ea oil are expected to put Britain's trade in alance this year, the Government announced esterday. By 1980 the country should be selfufficient in oil, eliminating an import bill which ast year amounted to almost £4,000m. Total ossible estimated reserves in oil discoveries in British waters have risen from 2.290m to 2.500m onnes. The Government expects revenues of 4.250m a year throughout the 1980s.

Production making rapid increase

North Sea oil production nade another spectacular jump luring March to an average of 20,000 barrels a day from the 32,000 barrels produced daily luring the previous month And luring the previous month. And tecording to Dr J. Dickson Mabon, Minister of State for Inergy, output was running at 50,000 barrels a day by the

ond of the month.

Output in March was at a site equivalent to 35m tonnes year-well over a third of the hountry's current oil consumpion. Dr Mabon said all the indicators suggested that Britain would achieve its upgraded arget of producing between 10m and 45m tonnes this year. It about \$14 a barrel, this would be worth \$2,500m.

At a press conference to inroduce the Government's latest estimates of oil and gas re-ources, Dr Mabon said the anid increases in North Sea oil utput should put the country's rade in balance this year and produce a trade surplus in 1973. The prospects from the North sea were bright. The balance of ayments benefits in 1976, he aid, reached about \$1,000m and the Government was beginning to receive a small but trowing income from royalties. During 1976 the act oil import bill was almost 24,000m lespite North Sea production it about 2700m. Dr Mabon aid the import bill would be

uf licient. Revenue from taxes and oyalties on both oil and gas vould rise to a total of £5.500m w 1980. By this date companies would be paying large amounts of petroleum revenue tax (PRT) and the Government

iminated completely by 1980

the North Sea next year will be between 60m and 70m tonnes, rising to 80m-95m tonnes in 1979, to 50m-110m tonnes in 1980 and 100m-120m tonnes in

1981.

"We remain on target for self-sufficiency in 1980 with last year's delays being more than made up for by a faster than expected build-up of production over the coming two years", Dr Mabon said.

Two fields. British Petroleum's Forties and the Occidental Group's Piper, continue to produce the bulk of Britain's oil.

Forties production

oil. Forties production averaged about 405,000 barrels a day during March. Output from the fourth production platform on the field began earlier this week and BP expects supplies to peak at 500,000 barrels a day by the autumn.

Output from the Piper field has grown even faster. During March it averaged 115,000 barrels a day but the figure has jumped to 190,000 barrels a day so far in April from only seven extremely prolific wells.

The Government report says that total possible estimated reserves of oil in present discoveries in British waters have risen by 210m tonnes to 2.500m tonnes. Total estimated reserves for these waters remain between 3.000m to 4.500m tonnes, though the higher end of the range now institute an allowance for areas. then North Sea production reserves rould make British self-

cludes an allowance for areas not yet designated but expected to fall to Britain.

Development of the Oil and Gas
Resources of the United Kingdom
19.7—a report to Parliament by
the Secretary of State for Energy.
(Stationers Office, 52.25.)



Repair team spends five hours on platform before being forced off

From Craig Seton Stavauger, April 26

A repair team spent a precious five hours on board the Bravo oil platform in the Norwegian Ekotisk field today,

They were taken off again when the wind dropped and dangerous fumes built up. It was learnt late tonight that the team succeeded in bolting on to the riser pipe a blow-out protector valve which was originally half-secured, but that the valve itself was not com-

pletely assembled. The oil slick from the Ekofisk disaster is now in two sections, a thick portion three miles long and three miles wide, sur-rounded by a thin film of oil 10 miles wide and 15 to 20 miles long. Two skimming vessels which tried to collect some

sea was reported to have been early this morning, shut down collected.

again as a safety measure.

making the first significant repair team, believed to consist progress towards controlling the of six men, strode in terrive clothing across a gangway erected from Choctaw, an anchored derrick vessel alongside Bravo, to start their work. Mr Gordon Goering, Nor-wegian director of the Phillips Petroleum Company which operates the Ekofisk complex, American field supervisors, were among those who went on

hoard. Two of the others were Mr Asgar "Boots" Hansen and Mr Richard Hatteberg, of the "blow-out" team from Houston, Texas, led by Mr Paul "Red" Adair, which has made its reputation for capping oil gushers throughout the world.
As the weather change of the oil today ran into techni- forced the men to halt their cal difficulties this afternoon, work, production at the two and only 20 tons of the estima-other platforms one and a half

Yesterday's high winds and This afternoon Captain Oey-heavy seas calmed overnight, wind Hollekim of the firefight-and shortly after dawn the ing vessel Seaway Falcon, which This afternoon Captain Oeying vessel Seaway Falcon, which has been standing alongside Bravo pumping water aboard to keep the escaping oil cool, told me in a ship-to-shore radio link of the day's activities.

"We had a meeting on Choctaw and 'Red' Adair's men think they can shut off the flow tomorrow", he said. "They should know they have done sit hundreds of times

"Early this morning we stopped spraying and the men went aboard Bravo. Some equipment in baskets was put on by crane and we could see the men working and cleaning up around the blow-out pipe. Then the wind dropped and oil started falling back on to rise platform, so they had to come off. But things are looking

High-speed trains in £57m British Rail boost

By Michael Baily

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Transport Correspondent
A further boost for British
Rail's commuter and Inter-City
services was amounced yesterday by Mr Rodgers, Secretary
of State for Transport. He has
authorized investment of £33m
in 250 new coaches for the
Southern Region's inner commuter services, and £24m for
14 high-speed trains for the
Western Region's Inter-City
route to Exeter, Plymouth and
Penzance.

Smoother and quieter than the present stock, much of which is nearly 30 years old, the electric commuter coaches for the Southern Region will introduce new standards of comfort into what have been described as "cattle-truck conditions". They are the first part of an important programme off an important programme under which all the Southern Region's 600 inner commuter coaches will be replaced by the mid-1980s. They will enter service on the Waterloo lines to the communication of the waterloo lines to the communication of the waterloo lines to the waterloop of Clapham, Croydon, and so on between 1978 and 1980.

The high-speed trains, simi-lar to those already operating to Bristol and South Wales and soon to be operating to York, Newcastle upon Tyne and Rdinburgh, will cut journey times from Paddington to Exeter by 30 minutes and to Persance by more than an hour. Frequency will also be increased from 15 to 19 trains a day each way when they begin entering service next year.

vice next year.

Announcing the decision, Mr
Rodgers said "Approval of
this building programme will
mean valuable jobs, because it
will help the railways in planning a steady flow of work at
workshops in Crewe, Derby,
and York. For the rail commuters and Inter-City travellers
it means a faster, more reliable it means a faster, more reliable and more comfortable journey."

Both the commuter and Inter-City investments are within British Rail's investment limits of £235m a year.

Scottish improvements: British Rail Scotland has been given Government approval for a £12.3m track and signalling improvement scheme for Edin-burgh and the East of Scotland (the Press Association reports). Under it 35 signal boxes will be replaced with a modern sys-tem controlled from Edinburgh

There are also to be improve ments to 110 miles of track. Negotiations on

Falklands Britain and Argentina have agreed to reopen formal nego-tiations over the political and economic future of the Falkland

Dr Owen, the Foreign Secre-tary, told the House of Com-mons yesterday that the negotiations would start in June or July. They would deal with future political relations, including sovereignty and econo-

Government is drawn into talks on newspaper merger plan

Labour Editor The Government has been drawn into the negotiations between Beaverbrook Newspapers and Associated Newspapers over the immediate future of London's two evening newspapers, and the long-term prospects for the Daily Express and the Daily Mail.

Mr Callaghan has been given ministerial advice about the bargaining in Fleet Street that is expected to end in the merger of the Evening Standard and the Evening News.

the Evening News.

He has been cold that the most likely outcome will be one evening paper for the capital, and, in the long term, three to five years, Associated Newspapers and Beaverbrook should form a joint company to print both mational morning dailies on the Reaverbrook plant thus out the Reaverbrook plant the R the Beaverbrook plant, thus cut-ting production costs for both

papers.

The Beaverbrook group is understood to have told the Government that only such a plan would allow continuing publication of its loss-making Doily Express and the profitable Sunday Express, while at the same time coping with the company's big loans.

It appears that despite the

Ir appears that despite the well publicized difficulties of Beaverbrook Newspapers to new backer has so far emerged. Sir James Goldsmith, the finan-cier, might have been interested in taking over the whole Beaverbrook group, but he has fought shy of the present manoeuvring, the Prime Minister has been told.

The agreement to merge the two London evening papers will involve a reduction in staff for both of them. The redundancy terms would be settled under the the guidelines laid down in Programme for Action, the joint union-management document for the future of Fleet Street. It rules out compulsory

According to the advice given to Mr Callaghan, the fear of an immediate adverse response from the printing unions can be

largely discounted. The Prime Minister has been warned that the most intractable opponents of the scheme are likely to be the journalists. Printing union leaders would probably reluctantly agree to a merger that would secure the maximum degree of job security for their remaining members.

Industrial threat: The growing threat of industrial action at the Evening News added to the confusion over talks between Beaverbrook, and Associated which continued inconclusively vesterday (a Staff Reporter writes). After denials that the Evening Standard had been sold to Associated Newspapers, it was still not clear last night whether letters of interns to buy and sell had been exchanged.

Parliamentary disquiet over

the proposed merger grows, and Mr Foot, leader of the House of Commons, will have urgent talks with the Prime

urgent talks with the Prime Minister.

In another development yesterday, Mr Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, told officials from the National Union of Journalists' chapels (office branches) of the various newspapers owned by the two groups that he had received no approach under the Fair Trading Act, 1973, for his consent to a merger.

Members of the National Society of Operative Printers, Graphical and Media Personnel at the Evening News staged a one-hour stoppage in protest at

one-hour stoppage in protest at the lack of management consul-tation. Production was dis-rupted without warning and further stoppages are planned. Mandatory meetings of the NUJ chapels at both London evening newspapers were held as anxiety continued to grow over the threat of redundancies. At the Evening News meeting journalists said they were incensed by a letter from Mr Vere Harmsworth, chairman of Associated Newspapers, A reso-

lution expressing dismay and outrage at his response to Continued on page 2, col 3

Mr Slater not to be extradited

By Clive Borrell By Clive Borrell
Mr James Slater, former bead of Slater, Walker Securities, will not have to face criminal charges in Singapore, three judges ruled yesterday.
An attempt by the Singapore Government to secure a reversal of a ruling by Mr Kenneth Baraclough the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, that Mr Slater should not be extradited, failed after a two-day hearing before Lord Justice Shaw, Mr Justice Nield and Mr Justice Stocker in the Queen's Justice Stocker in the Queen's Bench Divisional Court.

Lord Justice Shaw said reasons would be given later. Mr Ronald Waterhouse, QC, for the Singapore Government, bad argued that Mr Barraclough's reasoning was wrong in law.

Mr John Mathew, QC, for Mr Slater, said the magistrate had made no error. No stone was left onturned and every detail of evidence was before the

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Death of Sir **Daniel**

By Our Labour Editor Eviewer Sir Daniel McGar Grove Fig. S appoint a successor until the election at the September con-gress. Mrs Marie Patterson, last year's chairman, who has had to take the chair over the past six months, is almost certain to be confirmed as substitute.

Many tributes were paid to

Many crotters were pain to Sir Daniel yesterday, including a personal message from Mr Callaghan. Lord Allen of Fal-lowfield, chairman of the TUC economic committee, said: "This is a serious and griesons This is a serious and grievous blow to the trade union move-

ment."
The funeral will take place tomorrow. There will be requiem Mass at St Bede's Church, Denton Burn, Newcastle, followed by a cremation.

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Butter price drop will be only brief

Scitish housewives will soon pay about 5p a lb less for butter as a result of Britain's acceptance in Monday of a compromise package of higher EC farm prices. Increased support prices to hiry farmers are however, expected to erode be savings margin before long. British farmers, nod processers and consumer bodies have, in ie main, condemned the new EEC deal. They it as a defeat for Mr John Silkin, the British finister of Agriculture

Slight increase in jobless

evels of adult unemployment in Britain were ritually unchanged last month, even though the jobless total was boosted by school-leavers oming on to the register after Easter. Unem-lorment, excluding school leavers, was 1,269,200 on a seasonally adjusted basis (5.5 ner cent of the workforce) and up 1,100 on the

1,600 made redundant

C. A. Parsons, the Newcastle-based electrical naineering company, attributed the 1,600 redundancies which it announced partly on indecision over the placing of an order for the £600m Drax B power station. The redundancy programme will start in August and continue until the end of next year. The announcement may make the possible take-over of Parsons more attractive to GEC Page 21

Pakistan peace hopes

Letters: On preserving the British archive, from Professor Margaret Gowing, and Dr D. W. Rhind; the Civil Service and the TUC. from Mr Gerry Flauagan; and on the Evening Standard, from Mr V. La Bern, and others

eading articles: Dr Coggan's risk to Rome; Food prices; King Husain in Washington

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Hopes grew that a negotiated solution to Pakistan's political crisis might be found before Saturday when Opposition supporters plan to march on the home of Mr Bhutto, the Prime Minister. Mr Bhutto has gathered nearly ell the Opposition National / "Jance's leaders at Sibala, near Rawalpindi, for talks

House of Lords rejects car seat-belt Bill The Road Traffic Seat Belts Bill, making the

wearing of seat belts compulsory, was rejected in the House of Lords last night by 55 votes to 53 and now dies. A similar Bill was given a substantial majority in the Commons last session, but failed to reach the statte book because of pressure on the Government's timerable. Yesterday it was introduced by Lord Avebury from the Liberal benches, as a private member's Bill. Parliamentary report, page 10

Inside Robben Island

In a move to dispel allegations that it is running a "Devil's Island" for political prisoners, the South African Government has allowed the local and international press a visit to Robbeu Island, its maximum security jall. With no newspapers, radios or television its inmates are effectively sealed off from the outside world

Sign of free quarks

Physicists at Stanford University. California, have measured electrical charges of a third on heavy metal. It could be the first evidence for the existence of free quarks, elementary particles which had been believed to exist only in groups of two or three Science Report, page 10

Pay fear derided: Mr Joseph Gormley, the miners' president, dismissed as "poppycock" fears that a return to free collective bargaining would lead to a wages explosion Blacking threat: North Sea oil rigs and plat-

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Managerial pay rose only 1.8 pc last year compared with average of 11.8 pc for all By Rodney Cowton Ir was conducted before the ment, to say: "We must hold Evidence of the continuing Budget, but calculations made our nerve in the battle against

erasion of the real value of managerial salaries is provided in a survey published vester-day. It shows that in a sample of about 19.000 executives and directors the average increase in gross pay during 1976 was only 1.8 per cent. This compares with an increase in the index of average weekly earn-ings for all employees of 11.8

Within the overall figure of 1.8 per cent there are some surprising variations. For example, the survey suggests that at the level of chief execu-tive salaries increased by 4 per cent, whereas for several grades of middle or senior management, cross pay may actually have fallen. All grades reflect the benefit: of the tax concessions of 1976.

The survey is the fourth annual National Management Salary Survey conducted by Remuneration Economics and published by them in conjunc-tion with the British Institute tion with the Br

Parliamentary Correspondent

An emergency debate in the

Commons on the general strike threatened for Northern Ireland by the United Unionist Action Council is expected to be allowed later this week by the

Speaker, Mr George Thomas,

Yesterday, while refusing to grant an emergency debate after an appeal by Mr Gerard Fitt, Social and Democratic Lubour Party MP for Belfast, West, Mr

Thomas gave enough hints to indicate that if the appeal was

repeated later in the week it

might succeed.

He told Mr Fitt that of the

moment there was only a threat to strike and that the date for

the proposed action was next Monday. Therefore his request for a debate must stand

for a debate must "stand over". Mr Thomas then added that he should not have said "stand over" and should have

stated instead that he "could not accede" to Mr Fitt's

The strike threat has come as an ultimatum from "loyalist" leaders to Mr Mason, Sec-

retary of State for Northern

By Hugh Noyes

Westminster

MPs expected to debate

Ulster strike threat

rative grades of management will have risen by between 38.3 per cent and 55 per cent bethe middle of this year, their purchasing power will have fallen by between 17.5 per cent and 34.4 per cent.

The way this might have worked for a chief executive of a large company can be seen in one table, which shows that such a job at the beginning of 1974 might have carried a salary of £19,100. This, for a married man with two children, would have vielded after-tax pay of 59,882.

The same job in January this year would probably have been carrying a salary of around \$25,700; but after tax and after adjustment for inflation, this would now have a purchasing power of only about £6,300 Such figures prompted Mr Roy Close, director-general of the British Institute of Manage-

to introduce stricter security measures and a new Ulster

Mr Fitt contended that that

was a matter of urgency and importance. The House, he said, should debate everything

entailed in that dangerous situa-

tion.
Similar action in 1974 brought

Similar action in 1974 brought about the downfall of the legally elected government at that time, he said. He remembered only too well the choos, elserquion, difficulties and despair that that caused. From the words of the past few days it spends that extrapolation of the past few days.

it seemed that a strike of even more severa proportions would take place on Monday.

He added that an advertise-ment appeared in Northern Ireland newspapers yesterday stating that if Mr Mason and the Government did not fall

into line with the demands of

the action committee a general strike would be called.

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Ir Fire said the action was also supported by organizations that were illegal in Northern Ireland.

subsequently suggest that while inflation. Managers are suffer-gross salaries for four represen-tative grades of management the coming phase of that battle, we just cannot afford to let

things rip.

"We still need overall restraint, but we also desperately.

need the flexibility to reward skill, effort and responsibility tiveness and raise productivity and output. That is the only way

to beat inflation."

The survey gives evidence of the erosion of differentials within management, with the problem being most marked in the largest companies. Thus, while largest companies. Thus, while the ratio of net pay of a chief executive to middle management in a large company in 1974 was 3.3, by this year it had fallen to 2.5. In a small company the 1974 figure was 2.7, and is now 2.4. *The survey is available from

Remimeration Economics, 51 Portland Road, Kingston-upon-Thames, or from the BIM. Clash over pay, page 2

Equity opposes Lords appeal by Marius Goring Ireland, giving him seven days

Mr Marius Goring, the actor, an Equity council member, was warned last night that the union does not support the appeal he is making to the House of Lorde.

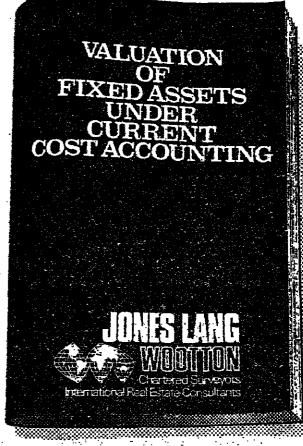
Mr Coring was granted leave to appeal against a Court of Appeal decision over the way Equity can alter its rules, but an Equity council meeting yes-terday decided to dissociate it-self from his action. It instruc-ted Mr Goring to withdraw his appeal, and said he would be appearing purely in a personal capacity, against the council's

If Mr Goring went ahead the council would enter an appear-ance to defend itself against him. Strike opposed, page

Arms talks to be resumed Moscow, April 26.-The

Soviet-American strategic arms limitation talks (Salt) will resume in Geneva on May 11, Tass

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Stockpiling begins as Ulster prepares for 'loyalist' strike

advising everybody who con-tacts me to stock up on emer-gency fuels and all necessary commodities, such as baby foods, before next week."

Mr Mason also met delega-tions from the Alliance and the Social Democratic and Labour parties to discuss the strike threat.

no possibility of the Govern-ment's meeting the loyalists' demands. But from now until Tuesday Mr Mason and his fel-

low ministers will strive to point up the divisions inside the Protestant community, which numbers a million, towards the

A crucial question if the stop-

A crucial question if the stop-page does begin will be the attitude of the Army and the police, both of whom were criticized in 1974 for not mov-ing more strongly to break the protest in its early days.

Observers recognize that a serious clash with the majority

population and attempts to

maintain essential services, par-

ticularly electricity, would in-volve a substantial increase in

troop levels. There are now 14.000 soldiers in Northern Ire-land compared with 17,500 in May, 1974.

Another opponent of the threatened protest who emerged yesterday was Mr Glen Barr, deputy leader of the Vanguard Unionist Party. He was a spokes-

man for the strikers in 1974 in

bis position as chairman of the

Ulster Loyalist Central Coordinating Committee.

He sand last night: "The situation now is quite different from what it was three years ago, and for that reason I oppose the strike, which I am

convinced will do more harm than good. I do not think the

leaders understand what hap

"Then there was much more emotional feeling among the Protestant people, and eventually it was the Protestant poli-

ticians on the Executive who collapsed and gave us our victory. It was not the British

Government but the politicians who had gone against the very obvious will of the majority who gare in. This time it is a

very different kettle of fish and I think the Government will

adopt a quite different atti-

pened in 1974.

said last night: "The

From Christopher Walker

People in many parts of Northern Ireland have begun to Northern Ireland have begin to stockpile essential foods in anticipation of another crippling general strike by "loyalists" similar to that which wrecked the power-sharing Executive three years ago. Although precise details of the protest are being kept secret, it is expected to begin next Monday after the to begin next Monday after the expiry of a seven-day ultimatum to the Government by the United Unionist Action Council, an umbrella grouping of loyalist

The ultimatum was published vesterday in the Belfast News

The protest is directed at reestablishing the Stormont parestablishing the Stormont par-liament largely in the form it held when abolished in 1972. The loyalists threatening the stoppage have demanded that Mr Mason, Secretary of State, should start a new offensive against the IRA and take im-mediate steps to implement the report of the defunct Conven-tion, which advocated a govern-ment without power-sharing. ment without power-sharing.

Protestant discontent with direct rule and the Government's security policy has led to much, sabre-rattling recently. But the latest threats are being treated seriously by the authoriies and by the ordinary people

Mr Mason moved rapidly yesterday to mobilize moderate public opinion against the threatened protest and indicated to local politicians that the Government would be prepared to adopt a much more forceful line against the strikers than that taken in 1974. After a 90minute meeting with Mr Mason at Stormont, Mr Harry West, leader of the Official Unionists, the largest Protestant party, publicly urged the organizers not to implement their strike threat at present. He said later the weak state of the Northern Ireland economy, high un-employment and the hardships that would result were the main

reasons for his opposition.
But there was no indication vesterday that his appeal and a similar condemnation by Mr Airey Neave, Conservative spokesman on Ulster, would succeed in cooling the tempers of the more extreme lovalists on the action council, which represents political parties, paramilitarist groups and the loyal orders. Because of the structure of industry in Ulster the council is influential in most of the main in enstrial concerns, both public to private.

Again lung Baird, one of the tude.

Sundless to spokesmen said: Parlie

Call Su-Altroni Ca South Mola aken to task for criticizing JPs

Mr John Richman, clerk to the Sheffield justices, replied last night to criticism of magistrates by Crown Court judges.
"These utterances are foolish and they should stop", he said.
The criticism ignored the last night to the mitted at Manchester Crown and they should stop", he said.

The criticism ignored the last night to the mitted at Manchester Crown and they should be put to him again. He witted at Manchester Crown then pleaded not guilty to the mitted at Manchester crown the pleaded not guilty to the mitted at Manchester Crown and they should stop", he said.

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circumstances. "I have been especially sorry based on totally inadequate information and a basic lack of understanding of a six lack of understanding of understanding of understanding of understanding

Killer's guilty pleas to manslaughter rejected

A man accused of murdering they asked that the indictment and mutilating three girls ad- should be put to him again. He Mr Justice Caulfield ordered of the trial of murder charges to continue.

of Harpurhey, Manchester, who disappeared on New Year's The confession by Trevor

Eve, 1974, Wanda Skala, aged 18, of Newton Heath, Man-Hardy, aged 31, of no fixed chester, who died in July, address, came on the fifth day 1975, and Sharon Mossoph, pleaded guilty to unlawfully wounding a fourth girl by grabbing her round the throat information and a basic lack of understanding of a situation and Mr Mukhtar Hussain had and squeezing until she bit which I find alarming."

who totally madequate and defend himself.

After Mr Bener-Hytner, QC, grabbing her round the throat and which I find alarming."

After Mr Bener-Hytner, QC, grabbing her round the throat and squeezing until she bit agreed to act for Mr Hardy, through her tongue.

this last year to read isolated of the hearing and after he had aged 17, of Failsworth, Mancriticism from Crown Court been allotted new leading and chester, who died in March judges, which, when you come junior counsel. On Monday he last year. Mr Hardy has

Concern at decrease in language pupils words will have any effect. I am advising everybody who con-

Britain cannot afford a rapid decline in the number of schoolchildren studying modern languages if she is to compete with her business and industrial competitors abroad, a Headmasters' Conference working party says in a report on modern language teaching, pubthreat. Mr Mason's remarks earlier this week about the grave implications for the Uister economy were underlined by Mr Concannon, Minister of State at the Northern Ireland Office, who emphasized the dangers a strike would pose for investments.

It is understood that there is no possibility of the Governlished yesterday.

lished yesterday.

It shows that between 1970 and 1975 the numbers of pupils taking A level French, German and Spanish fell by almost a third in spite of an increase in most other subjects. French language entrants fell from 25,925 to 17,025; German from 7,520 to 5,516; and Spanish from 25,72 ro 1,687.

from 2,572 to 1,687.
There had also been a great falling off in the number of pupils taking languages at university, which meant that there was a continuing shortage of good language teachers. The quality of training of young modern language teachers "often leaves much to be desired, and little if anything is being done at present to improve the situation, the

report says.

The national need is for lawyers, accountants, diplomats, ansurance brokers, industrial-ists and the like who can speak two languages, the report em-phasizes. "If we are a nation of shopkeepers, depending on our trade for survival, then we must have representatives who can meet foreign nationals on level terms."

But, it says, "we are faced with the indigenous laziness of the Englishman who expects foreigners to learn his language. This leads to the Englishman's reputation for isolation and arrogance."

Industry and commerce

seemed to have been slow to sense a need for a more international attitude, the working party says. In the past they had tended to put the cart before the horse by putting employees through crash language courses, which were of debiases. dubious permanent value. The report suggests recruiting men and women with a language proficiency and then teaching

Britain's entry into the EEC might have been expected to give all language learning a tremendous boost, but it now looks as though German was in danger of finding itself in the same situation as Latin, the report says. The day of the double linguist in the sixth form is rapidly disappearing in most schools.

Report on the teaching and examination of modern languages. Baird, one of the spokesmen, said: Parliamentary report, page 10 (The Headmasters' Conference, 29 Gordon Square, London, WCI, 51).

Mersey fertyboats: A decision to try to save the loss-making Mersey ferries, one of which is seen above with the Royal Liver Building in the background, was taken at a meeting yesterday between Mr William Sefton, chairman of Merseyside County Council, and the chairmen of the five district councils (Robert Parker writes). In announcing the decision, Mr Sefton acknowledged "the swell" of opposition to the closure plans. He said the meeting had agreed that there appeared to be no grounds for keeping the ferries as part of an efficient trans-port system linking Liverpool and the Wirral. But Mr Sefton has asked the five district chairmen to consult their authorities about keeping the ferries for pleasure purposes and to discuss the setting up of a new organization

run the ferry services and replace the administration carried out by the Merseyside Passenger Transport Executive. He hoped he would know the results in the next six or seven weeks. Mr Sefton said he would be recommending the county council to contribute a fifth of the cost of running any newly organized ferry service. The two ferry services between Pierhead, Liverpool, and Birkenhead and Wallasey are losing just over £1m a year, and the number of regulær passengers has been dwindling. Because of that and because rail links have been greatly improved the county council through the improved, the county council, through the Passenger Transport Executive, has been promoting through Parliament a Bill that would allow it to shut the ferries, which were started in the fourteenth century with a royal charter.

Tighten arms net, churches say

By Clifford Longley Religious Affairs Correspondent

The British Government is to be urged by the churches to work for a mandatory international embargo on arms for South Africa. At its assembly in London yesterday the British Council of Shurches decided that the time had come to close and assistance had been getting through.

The council was told that there was evidence that British arms and military spare parts were still reaching South Africa. They were passing through third countries, or else manufactured licence abroad. The council, holding its spring

Boy in school

taken into care

terday when the Court

need of care and protection.

he should be sent to a £1,000-a-year private boarding school at

ratepayers' expense because Luton's comprehensive schools

are not good enough, has had only three weeks' full-time

After the court's ruling he was taken from his home by

social workers to a council

The judges said that the

parents were gambling with the

hov's future by refusing to send

him to a comprehensive school.

The boy has aiready spent three weeks in a children's home

under an earlier care order quashed by a judge at Bedford

Crown Court.
The new care order, made by

Bedfordshire County Council

came into effect on the first

When the parents still refused to send him to school he was

taken into care. Education chiefs and social workers will

decide whether to send him to

a residential school or take him

daily to and from a comprehen-

The boy's mother said: " We

do not know where our son has

First-aid at Wembley Studium

during a schoolboy match on March 19 was criticized yester-

day at an inquest on Paul Garry, aged 12, of Cornerways, Derrington, Stafford. Mr Ronald McKenzie, who saw the boy fall

on the terraces, said it took 25 minutes to get him to the first-

aid centre.

A pathologist said the hoy's

brain was bruised. No treat-

ment would have been benefi-cial.

First-aid delay

not to blame

sive school.

been taken

day of the new school term.

schooling since July, 1975.

children's home.

A legal battle lasting two

years over the schooling of a Luten boy aged 12 ended yes

assembly, was told that a proposal for a national conference

legal battle

on evangelism to be held in 1980 was gaining widespread support in church circles. A group of prominent churchmen, called together unofficially by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Coggan, some months ago, had produced a plan for sharing expertise and experience between all the main British

In an address to the assembly yesterday, Cardinal Hume, Archhishop of Westminster, praised the council's plan for a thorough study of the future direction of British society, under the heading "Britain Today and Tomorrow," and welcomed Roman Catholic involvement in the project.

The Roman Catholic Church

The Roman Catholic Church is not in membership of the British Council of Churches, though Cardinal Hume's presremarks yesterday were taken by some as an indication that his church might apply to join in the not too distant future. Cardinal Hume said it was a paradox that there was on the one hand apparent general public apathy over institutional religion in Britain today witle there was at the same time a great yearning for spiritual

There is, for example, a profound curiosity about the person of Jesus Christ, he said. "People are perpetually fascinated by him and by the challenge of his message.

"In public we seem to be moving forther and forther.

moving farther and farther away from Christian values. In private there seems to be an increasing longing for God and for the things of God."

Bribe charge against developer dismissed

Lynmouth Drive, Sully, Penarth, to anyone else who wanted to South Glamorgan, was found not buy one of his houses. guilty yesterday of trying to

It was stated that Mr Perrett
bribe a council planning chief.

had planned to build 13 houses

Lupeal ruled that he was in wich area planning committee. in Bloxwich.

The offer was alleged to have been made when a planning application by Mr Perrett's company, Penarth Property and Finance, was about to be considered by the planning com-

Albert Perrett, aged 59, of Church than was being offered

Mr Perrett, a property devel. on the Old Hall site, Station oper, denied at Stafford Crown Street. Because they were semi-Court that he offered Mr David prefabricated and he was pre-Church, chairman of the Blox. pared to pass on any discount he got, he was able to sell them a substantial discount on one of at a much lower price than the 13 houses he planned to build average house in the area to first-time buyers.

Mr Perrett said that the only reason he approached Mr Church was to introduce himself as the developer and ex-plain his plans. He did not want the local planning committee to think that some big London

Miners' leader clashes with minister over pay

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor
Mr Joseph Gormley, president
of the National Union of Mineworkers clashed with Mr Varley
Secretary of State for Industry,
yesterday over the need for a
renewal of voluntary wage
curbs. Mr Gormley dismissed as
"poppycock" the argument that
a return to free collective bargaining would mean a wages
explosion. He added: "Let us
forget about stage three."
The minister and the union
leader both spoke at the Midlands area conference of the
miners union at Blackpool. Mr
Varley, an MP sponsored by the
miners, said: "If we keep our
nerve now, if we go on working
together and if we work out a
sensible, flexible pay agreement,

sensible flexible pay agreement, we shall succeed in laying a olid industrial base for our

"The £6 policy halved the rate of inflation. The action we took last year has stabilized the pound. The balance of payments is improving, largely with the help of our energy resources. The industrial strategy that is

Government, trade unions and management will bring great benefits if given its chance. "Already it has shown how a "Already it has shown how a f3,000m a year improvement in our balance of payments could be achieved by 1980. Our job now is to implement the strategy, to get that improvement, with all it means for higher real wages, higher living standards, better social services and more jobs."

Mr Gorniley appeared unmoved by the minister's remarks. "People want to negotiate in a free world, and there is no question of being

there is no question of being handed a pot of gold. You have got to negotiate to get a satis-factory position", he said. He corrested the view that he contested the view that failure to negociate a renewal of pay restraint would mean a general election. "That suggests to me that someone is running frightened", he said. "If they have a genuine feeling of doubt we should dispet it. Let us for me about case three I do not ger about stage three. I do not think it is necessary and it is only being pushed because of pressures put on us from our-side."

Strike call rejected by actors

By Our Arts Reporter Equity, the actors union, received several telegrams yesterday rejecting a call for a 24-hour strike made at the union's annual meeting on Monday.

union's annual meeting on Mon-day in an emergency motion protesting about government cuts in the arts.

The new general council, holding its first meeting, was unable to discuss the strike resolution, which was passed overwhelmingly, because of pre-sure of husiness. It will be

overwhelmingly, because of presure of business. It will be discussed next week.

Two of the relegrams were from the casts of the West End productions of No Sex Please, We're British, at the Strand Theatre, and Murder at the Vicarage, at the Fortune.

Morday's meeting also expressed its support for a new part pressed its support for a new-campaign established to oppose

Protest at **Dartmoor** intensified

Prison officers at Dartmoor yesterday continued their fight for better living conditions by refusing to carry out supervisory duties.

The latest 24-hour protest had

een due to end yesterday morning, but at the last minute the 150 officers decided to contime the action for at least another day.

The Home Office yesterday described as meaningless a deci-

sion by the officers to restrict overtime to 10 hours a week because they average 10 hours a week overtime at the

Mr Bryan Benwell, chairman of the Dartmoor branch of the Prison Officers' Association. said: "The Home Office is completely out of touch with what happens in individual prisons. We are the only people with the full facts."

Factory-level wage pacts urged by Mrs Thatcher who took extra responsibilities

By Our Political Correspondent Wage bargaining should be transferred from the hands of the big union leaders at the centre to the shop stewards and representatives of manage-ment in individual firms, Mrs Thatcher, the Conservative Party leader, said last night. Confidently predicting that a Conservative government would be able to "get on" with the unions. Mrs Thatcher nevertheless seemed to be advocating a syndicalist approach to labour relations, which will not win her plaudits from all the powerful union leaders. Their power would be sharply curbed by the method of plant bargaining she recommended.

She was being intervie Nationwide, the BBC television programme, by Mr Frank Bough and Professor Robert Mackenzie, and there will be an opportunity tomorrow, in the same and anyone who has a passion programme, for Mrs Thatcher for the future of Britain and its to answer viewers questions increasing prosperity, as I have direct. "We shall not have difficulty

we shall not have difficulty in negotiating reasonably with the unions. I want to get a good when Mr Callaghan was interviewed and the same programme.

Mrs Thatcher said the main affect them. That is, for me, for

got sufficient recognition in the pay structure. She said: " In the final resort

there is no substitute for responsibility in wage bargaining at the place where it should take place; on the shop floor, in the plant where people work, bargaining between the shop stewards and representatives of the firm, between the staff side and the management.

If bargaining was no longer done centrally, bur at the place of work, "you will get a much better wage deal, and you will get the better productivity that Mrs Thatcher said there

would be no trouble in dealing with the unions if the Conservafives came to power. "I shall not have difficulty in getting on with anyone who is reasonable

difficulty in the next stage of truer participation than having income policy was to see that a vote in what goes on in a those with extra skill and those central, collective decision."

Tyndale investigations cost £77,552

about the "progressive" teaching methods used at the former William Tyndale Junior School, Islington, London, have cost 577,552 so far, the Inner London Education Authority ground of unfair dismissal. (ILEA) said yesterday. ...

The public inquiry, by Mr Robin Auld, QC, which reported in February, 1976, had cost 156,552 and the disciplinary tribunal by the authority whose missal was based on a com-report was given to the six plaint of indiscipline, which teachers concerned on Monday, arose from the teachers' strike cost £21,000. In addition there over the ILEA's decision to inwere indirect costs of £55,800

No figure was available for the indirect cost to the authority during the Auld inquiry, which was set up in October, 1975, after a 24-day strike by the six teachers the month before.

Investigations into complaints
bout the "progressive" teachbout the "progressive" teachdeputy, and four other teachers. All have said they will appeal "without much optimism" to the ILEA staff appeals sub-committee and, if that fails, to

They have also said they will call for a mass strike of London teachers to protest against the tribunal's findings. The tri-bunal's recommendation of disspect the school in September, 1975.

the six teachers the month beforc.

As reported in The Times
yesterday, the disciplinary tribunal's report recommended

against all six teachers was dren in the group of found proven. In addition the below average ability with the provent and inefficiency deprived children. The bunal's report recommended proved against Mr Ellis, and notable achievement."

the immediate dismissal of Mr recommended that he be downgraded to scale 2 for the first charge and to scale I for the second. A charge of ineffici-ency was also found proved against Mr Haddow, but no action was recomended.

The report condemns "a system in which a teacher does not on appropriate occasions use his superior experience for during the five-month tribunal lars.

1975.

1975.

The National Union of the benefit of the child and salaries of the six teachers who might consider supporting the two inquiries.

The National Union of the benefit of the child and direct the child to pursue an who might consider supporting the Tyndale staff that they believes the child is capable of marketing.

performing".

But it adds: "Nevertheless, we do find, as Mr Auld does in score successes amongst children in the group who were below average ability and or deprived children. This was a

The tribunal is critical of progressive teaching methods in general and of an "option sysscheme in particular. Under the scheme, which Mr Haddow coordinated, 80 junior school children were able to choose between activities and to pursue them with minimal teacher supervision.

his report, that the scheme did who were disturbed and

Mr Perrett said he had development agency was behind offered nothing more to Mr the scheme. £100,000 loot

game carcasses

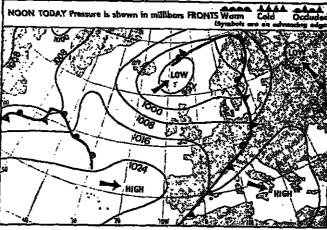
found in

Police officers checking on four "hunters" in a lonely quarry in Northern Ireland today found that inside eight half-skinned game carcasses were plastic bags containing £100,000 in cash stolen only a few minutes earlier from a Securicor van.

The "hunters", believed to be members of the Provisional IRA, had stopped the van as it travelled along a mountain road between Limavady and Coleraine, co Londonderry,

They forced the security men to drive at gunpoint down an isulated forest road, where they were bound and gagged. Soon after, police officers in a parrol car saw three suspi-cious vehicles in the quarry. Their finns included an Armalite rifle and two hand-guns. Four men were being interviewed last night.

NOON TODAY



Today 5.41 am 8.17 pm Moon sets : Moon rises : 5.41 am 2.36 am Full moon: May 3. Lighting up: 8.47 pm to 5.9 am. Lighting up: 8.47 pm to 5.9 am.

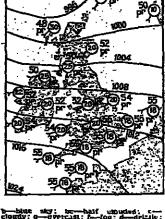
High water: London Bridge, 8.16
am. 5.9m (19.3ft); 8.28 pm, 5.7m
(18.8ft). Avonmouth, 12.58 am,
10.2m (33.6ft); 1.39 pm, 10.0m
(12.8ft). Dover, 5.50 am, 5.1m
(16.8ft): 6.30 pm, 5.1m (16.9ft).

Hull, 12.32 am, 5.6m (18.2ft);
12.43 pm, 5.7m (18.8ft). Liverpool, 5.50 am, 7.4m (24.2ft);
6.39 pm, 7.2 m (23.8ft).

Pressure will be low to N of Scotland, with a showery W air-stream covering most of the British Isles.

British Isles.
Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:
London. SE, Central S. E.
Central N. England, Midlands.
East Anglia: Bright or sunny intervals, showers, occasionally heavy and prolonged; wind W, fresh or strong; max temp 12°C (S4°F).
Fresh: max temp 10°C (S0°F).
Orkoey, Shetland: Bright or sunny intervals, showers, occasionally heavy and showers.

S Wales: Bright or sunny intervals and showers, occasionally heavy and



prolonged; rather cold in places

protonged; rather cold in places and some night frost.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover: Wind W fresh, perhaps strong at times later; sea mainly moderate.

English Channel (E): Wind W no NW moderate, locally fresh at first; sea slight.

St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Winds W fresh or strong; sea rough.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 7 am to 7 pm, 12°C (54°F]; min, 7 pm to 7 am, 11°C (52°F). Homidity, 7 pm, 79 per cert. Rain, 24 hr to 7 pm, 0.24 in. Sun, 24 hr to 7 pm, 0.3 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm, 1,08.8 militars= 29.53 in.



Inquiry rejects allegations against water authority From Our Correspondent Reading

Allegations that the Thames Voter Authority spent more than £1m ithout proper Voter Authority spent more than £1m irhout proper authorization have been rejected by an inquiry, it as announced by an inquiry, it as announced yesterday. But the man who headquarters at Reading, Berkvesterday. But the man who

the High Court During a public inquiry last February Mr Bolland maintained that the authority had tained that the authority had of expenditure I complained of handed out £960,000 in cheap is officially regarded as legimortgages to employers without timate."

proper approval. He also alleged that 528,000 a year was spent on cars to get five top officials to work each day.

shire, had rejected the allegamade the allegations, Mr Reginald Bolland, aged 63, a

Reginald Bolland, aged 63, a former water authority official, said he would take the case to Court. This time I will have legal representatives to present my case better. I am sure the man in the street will be very surprised to know that the sort

Action on newspaper plan threatened Continued from page 1

their earlier demand for com-prehensive information on the merger talks by noon yesterday was passed. The journalists, who have been threatening industrial action unless they are consulted djourned the meeting until In his letter to the journa-

lists, Mr Harmsworth said he noted their demand and that he would ensure that the chapel was "informed of any signifi-cant developments". An NUI chapel officer at the Evening News said later: "The chapel took the view that we would give the management

another chance to come and talk to us, and that is why we have given them another 24 hours. At the Evening Standard

morale was said to be high among journalists. A meeting between staff and Mr Simon Jenkins, the editor, was said to be emotional.

Mr Charles Wintour, former editor of the Evening Standard and now a director of Beaverbrook Newspapers, yesterday denied a rumour that the Standard had been sold to its rival group for nearly £6m. He said: "There has been no signature. Negotiations are not yet complete. You have to believe that."

Mr Anthony Grantham, deputy father (chairman) of the NUJ chapel at the Evening News, quoted Mr Louis Kirby, editor of the Evening News, as having told the staff that no deal had been signed

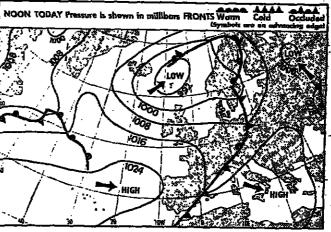
vited to attend a meeting with the managements of both groups tomorrow.

The deputation of NUJ officials 10 Mr Hattersley was led

by Mr Max Madden, chairman the Parliamentary Labour Party employment group. Mr Michael Rothwell, father of the Evening News NUJ be to prepare battle positions. NUJ warning: An Evening Standard NUJ chapel meeting told the management that continued production of the news without assurances on staffing arrangements and redundancies (the Press Association reports). The demand will be passed to

the management today. Parliamentary report, page 10

Weather forecast and recordings



rain later; wind w, fresh; max temp 12°C (54°F).

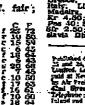
N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, N Ireland; Bright or sunny intervals, showers, wintry on hills with thunder, perbaps longer outbreaks of rain later; wind W, fresh or strong; max temp 11°C (52°F).

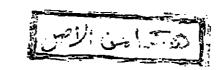
NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aherdeen, Moray Firth: Bright or sunny spells, showers developing; wind W, moderate or fresh; max temp 10°C (50°F).

SW, NW, NE Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll: Bright or sunny intervals, showers, wintry on hills with thunder; wind W, fresh or strong, local gale; max temp 10°C (50°F).

Orkney, Shetland: Bright or







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From Ronald Faux

The National Union of Seamen and the Merchant Navy and Airline Officers' Association told oil companies yesterday that all oil rigs and platforms accepting Bristow helicopters would be "blacked" from midnight.

Mr James Milne, general secretary of the Scottish TUC, who was in Aberdeen for talks with the Bristow helicopter pilots' strike committee, said there was a danger now of the dispute becoming a threat to North Sea operations and the national economy.

Airport pilots and engineers who are still working accused the British Airline Pilots' Association (Balpa) of using the strike as an excuse to increase

The spread of the dispute sented by Balpa, and Mr Alan Bristow, the company chairman, could disrupt supplies of equipment, food and fuels to four oilfields and 14 rigs, which are Bristow customers. Members of the seamen's union and the merchant navy association crew and command many of the

Union refuses to make Heathrow dispute official

By Christopher Thomas Labour Reporter

British Airways maintenance Heathrow engineers at Heathrow remained isolated in their 23day industrial action yesterday after the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers had refused an appeal to make the dispute official.

The 3,700 men will hold a mass meeting today. If they again decide to continue the action in defiance of the union's instruction there will be a prospect of a gradual drift back

All the 17 maintenance and engineering unions at the airport are against the stoppage.

The action centres on a demand for separate bargaining rights and new shift structures. The AUEW is adamant that it will not agree to the men's negotiating for themselves, but all the unions are wiling to discuss shift changes. That would imply a revised system to give better payments.

With maintenance engineers from other unions working norfload ong-distance services from Nichostow and three quarters of

Rowle Hugh Scanlon, AUEW president, emphasized that his union would not be told by anybody whether it should with-draw from established bargain-

Last night union officials were trying to work out yet another peace formula which could be put to today's mass

concerned who brings Mr Bristow to the conference table or whether he comes willingly or unwillingly. He has got to be brought there quickly. Balpa cannot afford to lose this dispute, nor can the trade union movement. There are enough mayericks in the North Sea without having Bristow join

The 12-day strike, which is over the dismissal of a Bristow captain who refused to accept two overseas postings offered to him, has divided company pilots at Aberdeen. Beyond that is the attempt to force Mr Bristow to recognize the union.

Although fuel stocks are now thought to be low because tanker drivers have refused to supply the Bristow base, the 60 that they are comfortably meetbetween the pilots on strike at ing all the company's commit-Bristow Helicopters, now reprements. Fuel was brought by non-union rankers to Aberdeen directly from the Bristow head-quarters at Redbill.

quarters at Redhill.

Yesterday a group of Bristow pilots and engineers who have refused to strike accused Balpa of deliberately seizing on the dismissal issue to bring about confrontation with Bristow Helicopters.

US refit for QE2 'based' on economics'

From Our Correspondent

The Queen Elizabeth 2 is to have her annual refit in an American yard for economic reasons, Cunard said yesterday. It said its decision did not signify dissatisfaction with previous refits by Vosper Thorny-croft at Southampton.

The ship is to make her last Atlantic crossing this year on October 29 and will then make vinter cruises from the United

The refit is due in November. Vosper Thornycroft's shop stewards yesterday expressed

By Our Air Correspondent

recently.

be altered.

Britain and France are to try

to eradicate the sonic booms

made by the Concorde airliner,

which have been heard over a

wide area of southern England

A working group of civil

servants from the two countries is to meet to consider how the

flight paths of the aircraft might

The group was one of several

technical committees estab-

Concorde paths may be

changed to reduce boom

The local elections 7: Key to power on Merseyside lies in Liberals' hands

Labour knows it stands to lose its slender majority

from Labour.

By a Staff Reporter

The Liberals hold the key to the elections on May 5 in the Merseyside Metropolican County. Just as they denied Labour a convincing majority in 1973, they are in a position to prevent the advancing Conservatives from taking control. Labour holds power with a majority of seven. It has 53

of the 99 council seats. The Conservatives have 28, the Liberals 17 and there is one independent. The Liberals controlled Liverpool after 1973 until Labour overhauled them

The future structure of the county council depends largely on the Liberals' holding most of their 17 seats. They cannot afford to lose more than a handful if they are to achieve their best hope, holding the balance of power.

In spite of confident predictions that it can retain power, the Labour Party, led by Mr the Labour Party, led by Mr four of the best known, Mr William Sefton, is aware of its precarious position. If it loses Mr Cyril Carr and Dr David

Eve-of-poll meetings in the

Grimsby by-election are not fashionable, largely because the predominant newspaper is an evening publication and polling tomorrow will be half over before it reaches most readers.

before it reaches most readers.
Final shots in the campaign,
therefore, were fired last night
when Mr William Whitelaw,
Deputy Leader of the Conservative Party, Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Education and
Science, and Mr John Pardoe,
Liberal cookernan on Treasury

Liberal spokesman on Treasury

matters, descended on the town

to inspire their supporters.

From most points of view vesterday was an uncomfortable day for Mr Austin Mitchell, the

Labour candidate. Unemployment figures released at mid-day showed the highest April

total since the war; Grimsby's local unemployment rate in-

creased from 6.2 per cent to 6.5 per cent; C. A. Parsons,

the North-east electrical engin-

eering firm, which is not very

down the English and Bristol

discernible only over water. Mr Davis, Under Secretary of

State for Trade, said in a letter to Mr Patrick McNair-Wilson,

Conservative MP for New Forest: "Although some

secondary booms are being ex-

perienced from British Airways Concordes, the primary boom

problem, and most secondary

booms, emanate from Air France aircraft."

some

Grimsby

four seats it will lose overall Caldwell the Liberal leader, are

tives since 1973 in four districts outside Liverpool has been between 8 and 11 per cent which might put at least 12 Labour seats in danger and allow the Conservatives to overhaud them as the largest party. The likely strength of the

Liberal vote is the most difficult to predict. They recently won a local seat from Independent Labour and took half the the poll in another, suggesting The Liberals' reputation on Mersevside is that of a party

that proved the power community politics. Le politics. Locai Liberal leaders became known nationally and Liverpool Liberals became a model for the party

If much of the Liberals' strength on Merseyside came from the personalities of their local candidates, the fact that

far from Grimsby, announced

1,600 redundancies; and the devaluation of the green

pound " prompted forecasts of a continuing rise in the cost of basic foods. On top of that, it rained all day.

But Mr Mitchell reported

rising enthusiasm for him in

the constituency. His visits to

the commercial docks yesterday

raised cheers from the dockers.

and when the war was carried

to the doorstep of Mr Robert

Blair, his Conservative oppon-

ent, there was cheering, singing

and much banging of filleting

knives to welcome him on a

tour of the Birds Eye factory,

Ironically one of the minor

candidates, Mr Michael Stanton,

of the Socialist Workers' Party,

a local docker, may hold the

key to the by-election result. It is acknowledged by most con-tenders that the election will

where Mr Blair works.

Rain Tories' friend at Grimsby

not contesting this election might have a serious effect on the party's support.

The Liberals are putting up 78 of the 302 candidates standing for election. The Conserva-tives are contesting all the seats and Labour will fight 93. Other candidates include 19 Communists and three each from the National Front and National Party who might all take votes

Dr Caldwell says the Liberals are fighting to control the council, but realistically admits that it is more likely they will hold the balance. He is worried that a handful of Liberal-held seats might fall to the Conservatives, but is confident that the party can make significant gains from Labour and the Conservatives and keep Liberal representation at about 17.

Sir Kenneth Thompson, aged 67, a former junior Conservative minister, who leads the Mersevside Conservatives, is quietly confident of his party's

be a close-run thing between Conservative and Labour, and if Mr Stanton pulls in only a few

hundred votes from Labour that could make the difference between success and failure to

Mr Blair's supporters record a

continuing shift towards the

Tories, "particularly on council house estates". Concern about

the fate of the fishing industry continues to grow, and Mr Blair, with his Birds Eye connexions,

continues to make political capi-

tal out of the industry's decline.

as the weather, and indeed the weather tomorrow may be of

crucial significance. The Con-

servatives must pray for rain.
Candidates: R. Blair (Cl. A.
De Freitas (L), A. Mitchell (Lab),
M. Nortingham (Malcolm Maggeridge Fan Club), M. Stanton (Soc
Workers' Party), P. H. H. Bishop
(Sunshine Party),
General election: C. A. P. Com-

General election: C. A. R. Crosland (Lab) 21.657; K. C. Brown (C) 14,675; D. M. Rigby (L) 9,487; J. McElrez (Ind Dem Lab) 156. Lab Majority, 6,982.

us a majority of one, and we can co it.

Liberal influence was difficult to evaluate, he says. He is contemptuous of their role in local politics and sees them as opportunists.
Sir Kenneth fears that per

haps no party will have overall control but says there will te no deals and no "touting" of policies around the parties.

He identified the dominant local issue as transport. He believes local people would be prepared to pay more for bus

Conservatives wanted an inner ring road in the centre of Mr Sefton, a former leader of Liverpool City Council, 18 widely considered an able leader of the Metropolitan He is happy to stand

on the Labour Party's record nationally and locally. "Apathy will favour the controlling , he predicted. He is scornful of the Liberals'

By Our Local Government

electoral system leaves local government councillors open to

great temptation. Professor Bryan Keith-Lucas, Professor

of Government at Kent Uni-

versity, says in a pamphlet on

local government electoral reform. The present system,

particularly because of the block vote, produces results

that are not only unfair but in

some cases positively danger-

"Twenty-two wins would give campaign to have the county streamlined and eventually

had worked well and the voice of Merseyside was heard oudly Labour cannot be happy to go into an election that is likely to be determined by the national unpopularity of the Government, and the party must hope that if the Liberal vote noids, at least the Conservatives will be denied an overall majority. Retirement reasons: The four.

and train journeys if the car-vice was more reliable. The concentrate on parliamentary aspirations; and Mr Jones wants to concentrate on Liberal efforts to regain control of Liverpool City Council, where they are only two seats behind

abolished and power given back to the districts. In its four years the metropolitan county

start, the party workers need to be fed, and in the Norms hamshire coalfield that means fed properly" The Labour campaigners stone away large fry ups in the back of the Kirkby in Ashfield committee room: eggs, pieces of fried bread, stews, cream graces and a large canned pheasant they were saving last night for a celebration. Anything that leading Liberals are retiring on individual and personal grounds (our Liverpool Correspondent writes). Dr Caldwell preserves a bare third of the does not wish to carry on his county duties; Mr Carr has 23,000 majority here will be been advised to curtail his par-liamentary activities for health counted as an event to celebrate ... reasons; Mr Alton is trying to

The Tories, it is said, are be coming slightly mutinous about the number of beetroot sand wiches they are expected to est at their beadquarters. When Mrs Thatcher came on Satur. some fish and chips before

Food prices plent agitate the Ashfield resti

From David Leigh Sutton-in-Ashfield

Food means a great deal in the Ashfield by election. For a

entering. Mr Michael Cowan, the Labour candidate, darkly told a meeting later that she had probably put them in the dusthin as soon as she was out of sight Bur her original intention was to make for Sutton's indoor market and buy a sample selection of food there (" She stocks up months ahead", Mr Cowan said.

As it was, someone threw a cream bun at her. "And they are a fair price nowadays" a voter at Bentinck Colliers. Miners' Welfare Institute said reflectively last night. He went on to discuss Fi

abbages. That is something the Liberal, Mr. Prappon Fline, ought to know about. A large bearded and oppealingly eccentric figure he runs a fruiterer's an attractive wholesale shopping

precinci.
That is where the political meetings are held; where Mrs. Thatcher plans to buy groceries and where the windows and slabs are bursting with food; melous, courgettes, and garlic on Mr Flint's stell and piles of livers, hearts, pig's fries and filler steaks, at £1.12 a pound

on the butchers' stalls. The meat may trouble Mr Flint slightly. He is a vegetarian and a pacifist. But is does demonstrate that Ashfield's pre-occupation with food is not ecause people are hungry. It

is because they are exasperated. Mr Tim Smith, the Conservative, can be found handing out leaflets at the precinct exit:

"Just look at your housekeeping purse to see how hard
Labour has hit you." He has had himself photographed for his election address looking meaningfully of a pile of swedes on a stall of one of Mr Flint's

on a stain of one of an Find's competitors.

Condidates: M. Cowan (Lab), T. Smith (C), H. C. Flint (L), Mrs J. Hall (Soc Workers' Party), C. Herrod (Nat Front).

General election: D. I. Marquand (Lab), 35,367; R. N. Kemm (C), 12,452; H. C. Ffint (L), 7,959.

Lab maj, 22,915.

New plans for touring exhibitions Arrangements that may more

than make up for the loss to provincial museums of the Victoria and Albert Museum's tour-ing three-dimensional exhibitions were announced yesterday by Lord Donaldson, of Kings-bridge, minister with responsi-

Speaking at Barusley, South
Yorkshire, he said a new it Yorkshire, he said a new indemnity scheme had been approved by the Treasury. Provided security arrangements were adequate, the Government would pay for insurance on items lent on the long term to provincial art galleries and museums from national collections. That cost had previously been too high to allow such loans.

loans.

Lord Donaldson also said that
later this year a meeting of
national institutions such as the
British Museum would discuss a loans. possible new programme of tour-ing exhibitions.

The Phili

A rating serving in the fri-gate Gurkha may be tried by court martial in connexion with

ous, he says. In the pamphlet, published by the National Committee for Electoral Reform, Professor Keith-Lucas argues that local authorities without an effective opposition are open to grave the weather." tempiations, and a decision of rural areas. a planning committee might

Some councils in danger

of 'grave temptation'

first-past-the-post

make thousands of pounds difference to the value of a piece of land. That lay behind much of the trouble and corruption

that had come to light in recent The Salmon report on stand-ards of conduct in public life

Labour. Ne: a: West Yorkshire.

contributory factor to corrupthe existence of a number of local authorities where there was not the check and balance of an effective opposition, a fault attributed to the defects of the electoral system. "If it be true that party politics olay too big a part in English local government; if it

be true that councils without an effective opposition group are likely to be bad councils. open to corruption, this is not a matter to be endured, like

Local Elections: Let's get them in proportion. (National Commit-tee for Electoral Reform, 12 Upper Belgrave Street, London,

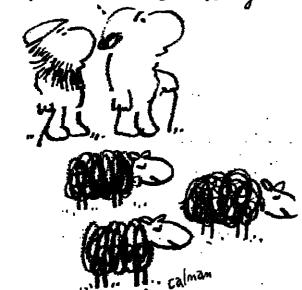
Handbook to offer guidance

Statue repair: The stone hands of friendship between the Statue repair: The stone hands of friendship between the English-speaking peoples at Bush House, London, which were blasted apart by a German flying bomb are being repaired (Michael Horsnell writes). The 15ft statue of a mature Britain handing over the torch of civilization to a youthful America, above the Kingsway entrance to the headquarters of the BBC's external services, was erected in 1923 by the Indiana Stone. Company, of the United States. The outstretched arm of America, the lower hand above, and part of the torch were blown off in 1944. Mr John Tucker, a vice-president of the company, visited Britain on holiday earlier this year and decided to apply about \$2,000 of American generosity to repair the damage.

Ship fire inquiry

two fires on board during a visit to Newport, Gwent, earlier this month, a CID officer said yes-

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half years is to be published enced by claimants and their next month. It will revise much Soon after the new handbook of the information that has become obsolete through policy changes since November, 1974, is published the Child Poverty Action Group will be bringing volume of

on supplementary benefits

The first new edition of the Supplementary Benefits Handbook to appear for two and a and explain for the first time some aspects of official policy that have never before been made public. Two areas that will be

It seemed possible that, with the agreement of the French, lished during the development the impact of primary booms of the Concorde. It has not met for some time, as it was thought also ease the disturbance could be reduced. That would that with the aircraft routed caused by the secondary booms.

exceptional need grants. Both areas have been subject to controversy, since the official guidance in the handbook often varies with the practice experi-

out a "companion" its own based on the secret instructions in the A code which officials use to decide claims. Extracts from the A code published in The Times last year showed clearly that the instructions are often ar variance with the guidance con-tained in the official handbook.

Animals not fed on 48-hour trip, MP says

A Government investigation was urged yesterday by Mr Robin Corbett, MP for Hemel Hempstead, into reports that nine bullocks were kept without food, water or rest on a

48-hour journey from Dover to northern Italy.

He said: "This tears to shreds every single piece of animal welfare legislation agreed with the EEC and shows how easy it is to circumvent the regulations." He alleged that the bullocks

boarded the midnight ferry on April 20, arriving at Calais at 4.30 am next day. Six hours later they were loaded on to a lorry, which braked sharply 40 miles along the way, throwing the bullocks forward and breaking the lorry body from the cab. After repairs it continued

cab. After repairs it continued into Italy, arriving at midnight on April 22,
Chief Supt Ronald Butfield, head of the RSPCA special unit gathering evidence to back its campaign to stop the export of live food animals, confirmed Mr Corbett's account.

103 jurors are challenged in carnival trial

One hundred and three out theft. of 155 potential jurors were challenged at the Central Crimimal Court, London, yesterday when 17 black youths appeared for trial on charges arising from the 1976 Notting Hill carnival. The challenges came after a defence application that at least six members of the jury should be black. When the jury of 12 was sworn after two hours and a half it included five black

Judge Campbell, QC, had said: "So far as I am concerned there will be no racial undertones about this case. These gentlemen in the dock are charged with robbery and

JP accused of

passport offence James Fairweather, aged 39, an engineer, of Sudbourne Road, Brixton, who is a JP for Lembeth, was committed for trial at the Central Criminal Court yesterday charged with conspiring to obtain British passports for others.

Four other men and a woman who appeared at Bow Street Magistrates' Court on passport charges were remanded on bail

Somerset Levels threatened The Somerset Levels, an area

famous for rare plants and animals, is threatened by agrianimals, is threatened by agriculture and commercial peatgathering, the Nature Conservancy Council said yesterday.

In a consultation document it
said that the Ministry of Agriculture considered threequarters of the 169,000 acres
Capable of agricultural develop capable of agricultural development. It suggested the setting up of nature reserves

British Rail will celebrate with a jubilee train

board, The announcement of the

between King's Cross and Peter



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A silver jubilee passenger express train is to be introduced on the London to Edinburgh "Silver Jubilee" on the head the defendants have pleaded not guilty variously to charges of plotting to rob and steal in about August, 1976. They are: line from June 8, recalling the one that ran more than 40 years They are:
Denzil Authony Binns, of Holloway Road, Upper Holloway;
Hiram Henderson Braithwaite,
Yerbury Road, Holloway; Roger
Lucien Marsh, Hargrave Road,
Upper Holloway; Michael Otway,
Charles Nwanna, Authony George
Rodney, Clive Anthony Whiteley,
Mark Roger Carter, Michael Oliver
Mackintosh, Henderson Leroy
Hinds, Desmond Anthony Reley,
and Alloy St Louis, and four bors
aged between 14 and 15 from
Tottenham and Holloway.
The trial was adjourned until
tomorrow. ago. The new train will travel jubilee train came after a once a day in each direction, demonstration run by BR's high five days a week.

Speed train (HST) Inter-City 125 The original silver jubilee The original silver inbites between King's Gröss and Petertrain went into service brough. The seven-coach train reached. 125 mph. during the run, which took 54 minutes compared with the normal express passenger time of about 70 officials said that by 1979 the HST would cover the 268 miles to Newcastle in under three hornors. The new express will be hours, at an average speed of more than 92 mph.

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Food price agitate the Ashin voters Patients ordered about and denied right to choose own doctors in 'restrictive' NHS, congress told

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For pa has become a restrictive service in which patients are ordered about needlessly by profes-sional staff, have less freedom of choice than under most other systems and are being finited in their right to choose their doctors, the methods of care, or even to have helpful participation in it, the Royal society of Health congress in

Tarbourne was told yesterday. That view, by Mrs Jean obinson, former chairman of he Patients' Association, was expressed on the opening day of the congress during a ses-cion devoted to patients opinions of the health service. Mrs Robinson said the associarion receives abour a hunfred questions or complaints about the service every week.
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the greatest difficulties outred in primary care. Although most general practinoners gave adequate care, and some were superb, there were failures in the family doctor service which someomes resulted in a death that could have been avoided. Some patients found it almost impossible to get a second opinion and patients sere being restricted and their

sishes ignored. For example, a woman who was happy with her own family doctor was not allowed to register her baby with another doctor who she thought had greater child-care experience. She was obliged to transfer to the second doctor after being told that it would be "emberrassing" for two docpors to attend patients in the

From John Roper
Health Services Correspondent
Eastbourne

The National Health Service

Doctors who make no difficulties about a change are invariably the best, Mrs Robinson assumption that nicotine was responsible for increased risk of the particular than the particular than the property of the particular than the particular

Because birth in hospital had become medical orthodoxy, families were rejected if they wanted something different. They were regarded as "difficult" and they were punished by doctors. by doctors

Mrs Robinson contrasted the British health service system with that in Germany, where a patient is registered with a doctor for three months at a time ; and in France, where a patient can see a different doctor any time at his choice. Those systems gave the doctors an incentive to give the best quality

care, she said.
Some of the difficulties from the conservative outlook of older members of the medical profession and from the system under which junior hospital doctors largely vancement in their careers, Mrs Robinson said. depend on consultants for

The Department of Health had done nothing to investigate or monitor the quality of family doctor care, she added. Perhaps, she continued, there could be inspectors of medical care to examine patients' records and disclose any wrong or inade-quate details.

An increasing difficulty for some patients was that a doc-tor labelled them, for some-times trivial reasons, as diffi-cult, neuronic or hysterical, and the label remained with them for the rest of their lives. Giving the address on smoking and disease at the inaugural meeting, Sir Richard Doll,

said. One patient had been struck off three doctors' lists because she insisted that she wanted her baby at home after an unpleasant experience at a hospital confinement.

Recause high hospital had assumption that incounce was responsible for increased risk of valvular heart disease might be dangerous. It might distract attention from other factors, such as carbon monoxide, which some evidence suggested might be responsible.

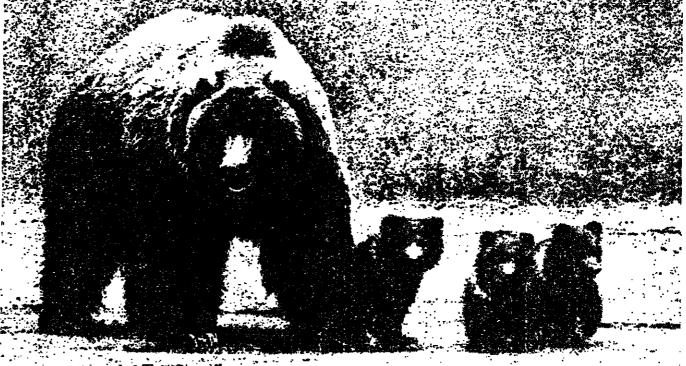
Introduction of low-nicotine cigarettes might lead smokers to absorb more nicotine by smoking more, inhaling more deeply or puffing more often.
The most effective policy might be to produce low-tar cigarettes with an artificially high content of nicotine. Care must be not to make it so high that addiction was aggravated.

Sir Richard said cigarette advertising had been banned in nine countries and there was strong argument for banning it in Britain. It might, however be just as effective, and secure a greater measure of agreement, if tobacco advertisements were taxed.

The rate of tax could be adjustable according to the harm attributable to the product and it would be important that the money raised should be used specifically for advertising respective modifications. tising preventive medicine. Education about the effects

of smoking had not, contrary to some opinion, fuiled. A posi-tion had been established, he thought, from which it could expect to advance with every prospect of early success. There had been a decrease in cigarette consumption in socio-economic group one of 14 per cent, from 4.3 to 3.7 a day.

It was not only doctors and health workers who were giving up smoking but teachers, wri-ters, journalists, actors and producers and even university students.



Micky, Monty and Maxie, Kodiak bear triplets, out with their mother at Whipsnade Zoo.

Woman who shot husband not guilty of murder

Mrs Valerie Pulling, aged 35, of Hawerby Hall, North Thoresby, Lincolnshire, was found not guilty at Lincoln Crown Court yesterday of murdering her husband after years of domination

and ill treatment.

She had told the jury that she armed herself with a gun be-longing to her husband, Anthony Pulling, aged 36, fearing that she was in for another beating and that he was so drunk that he would not be able

he was coming for her did she fire the gun.

Mr Justice May told the jury that it was important to assess the case without emotion, but he advised them to acquit if they felt it was not Mrs Pulling's intention to kill her husband or do him really serious injury.

The jury of eight men and four women announced their verdict after being out for just over three hours

Remand of six weeks in secrets case refused

Two journalists and a fermer soldier charged under the Offi-cial Secrets Act were remanded on bail yesterday for a formight at Tottengam Magistrates Court, London, although the prosecution had asked for six

Miss Ann Butler asked for the longer adjournment, ex-plaining that the case required the first of the Attorney General. Most of the paper had been passed to him, but he needed further information.

journalists, Duncan Campbell, aged 24, of Frank-lin Road, Brighton, and John Nicholas Crispin Aubrey, aged 31, of De Beauvoir Road, Islington, London, are both charged with the unauthorized receipt of classified information. John Berry, aged 33, formerly a sol-dier, and now a van driver, of Alexandra Park Road, Muswell Hill, London, is charged with communicating classified

formation to unauthorized per-Wilson burglary

included S Africa paper

Senior detectives are investigating the their of personal papers and bank statements from the country home of Sir Harold Wilson, at Grange Farm, Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire. The disappearance of the documents was reported in The Times yesterday.

The inquiry is being headed by a superintendent, and has involved Special Branch officers. The police said yesterday that the items stolen included a study document on South Africa. It is believed to name five anonymous promoters of the Club of Ten, the South African publicity organization.

In brief

Mayor's trip to races challenged

Labour councillors in the London borough of Bexley, which has announced the highest rate increase in London, of a quarter, are to question at the council meeting tonight why the mayor of the Tory-controlled council was taken to see the Grand National at the rate-payers' expense.

The council has disclosed that

the mayor, Mrs Agnes Orange, her secretary and his wife were driven in the mayoral car to Aintree at a cost of 550 in wages and petrol.

Brutal 'girl jailed

Jacqueline Salmon, aged 19, of Hall Place Paddington of Hall Place, Paddington, London who took part in what the judge called a brutal assault on a partially sighted elderly woman was jailed for three years at the Central Criminal Court yesterday. She was charged with robbery and

Demonstrator fined Roger Evans, aged 33, of

London, was fined £10 at Marl-borough Street Magic borough Street Magistrates'
Court yesterday for threatening
behaviour and having a bottle
as an offensive weapon during the National Front march in north London last Saturday.

Union 'appalled'

The National Union of Bank Employees (Nube) has told i! e Lord Chancellor that it was "amazed and appalled" at the giving of a suspended prison sentence to a bank robbet at: the Central Criminal Courtearlier this month.

Booming bonus

A competition to estimate the number of booms (mating calls) emined in 48 hours by 11 pairs of bitterns at the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds' re-serve at Leighton Moss, Lanca-shire, is being organized this weekend to raise funds for the society's work.

GLC's jubilee gift

The Greater London Council is contributing £100,000 to the silver jubilee fund "on behalf Ponsonby of Shulbrede, chairman of the council, announced

Mobility allowance up

Mr Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services, confirmed last night that the mobility allowance for disabled people will rise by £2 in November to

An NSPCC appeal for £95,000 was launched yesterday to support the battered children's centre at Fallowfield, Man-

Live music to reach people unable to attend concerts

By Our Arts Reporter

A scheme to take live music out of its formal concert hall setting and into schools, colleges, hospitals, prisons and even private homes was launched in London last night by Mr Yehudi Menuhin.

He said the aim was to encourage the meeting of musicians and those who love music and to reach people who are not always able to attend live

.The scheme is suported by the Musicians' Union and the Arts Council, which has paid half the formation cost of £5,000. An anonymous trust has

promised the other half as well as an annual donation. Cash will still be needed to cover running costs and to set up a fund for concerts and cases where would-be organizers can-not afford even the small fees

Opportunities would be created for hundreds of artists. established and unknown, who will be selected by a panel of musicians. The artists will be paid a minimum fee of £25 and their expenses and given hospitality by their hosts. Mr Menuhin said he hoped there woold be light music as well as music of the most serious kind.

Shopworkers to campaign against Sunday traders

trading may be taken to court by the shopworkers' union. Markets held on football grounds, race courses and fields will be one of the chief targets of a campaign by the Union of Shop Distributive and Allied Workers (Usdaw) which was announced at its conference in Scarborough yester-

day. Mr John Phillips, assistant general secretary, appealed to the conference expressed con-

Local authorities who turn a cern over the increase in Sunblind eye to illegal Sunday day trading and called on the union's executive to see that the law is more rigorously enforced.

Concern was also expressed about late-night shopping, and delegates voted in support of premium payments for work done outside the defined stand-ard day. Mr Gary Alders (West Midlands) said a cashier in a supermarket might work up to 12 hours on late-opening

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SNP's aim is to bring down the Government

Scottish nationalists in the

servatives' reasoned amendment. to the motion for the second reading of the Price Commis-sion Bill today.

He thought it unnecessary to explain the party's detailed objections to the Bill. "It is early general election.

On the Government's re-Scottish nationalists in the Commons are to take every opportunity to try to bring down the Government, Mr duction of the devolution Bill, Hamish Wart, the party's chief whip, said yesterday.

He was commenting on the decision of the 11 Scottish nationalists to rote for the Connection amendment servatives' reasoned amendment on the Price Commission Bill

The opposition amendment on the Price Commission Bill, which seeks to impose righter price controls, asks the House to refuse a second reading on the ground that it will discourage investment The Liberals seem likely to

vote with the Government. With other minor party support (or abstensions), ministers estimate that they can ward off the Conservative challenge.

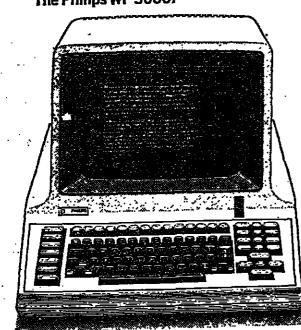
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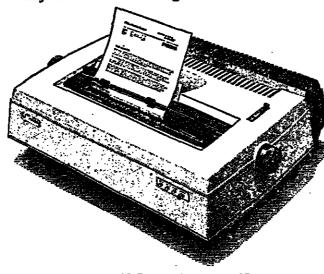
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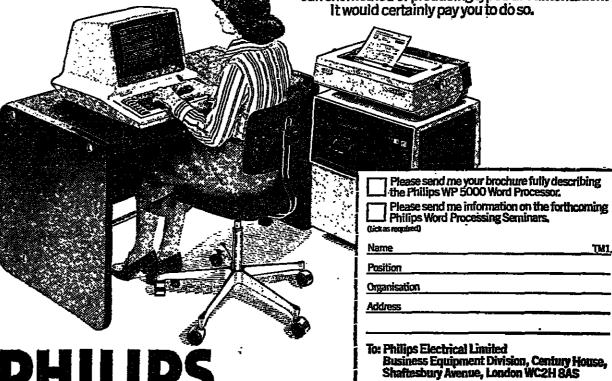
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Butter to be cheaper than dearest margarine By Hugh Clayton Some butter will cost less

than the dearest margarine in British shops once the Government decides how to deal with the 81p a pound subsidy agreed by the EEC yesterday. It should lead to early price cuts of about 5p a lb. over the

However, the reductions will soon be eroded by higher sup-port prices to dairy farmers and the advance of British arm prices to EEC levels. The Consumers' Association said yesterday that the stage in that advance due in May would add

on a lb to butter.

The subsidy is complicated by the presence in Britain of stocks of butter which home and overseas suppliers bought before the subsidy was agreed. The size of the early price cut will depend on how the Government distributes the will depend on how the Government distributes the EEC subsidy between stocks bought at the old price and supplies bought at the new

The EEC farm-price package, of which the butter subsidy was part, was condemned by British farmers, food processors and consumer representatives yesterday. It was seen as a defeat for Mr Silkin, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

He has won neither a freeze on farm support prices nor a on tain support promise of reform to eliminate surpluses of food created by the common agricultural

National Consumer Council, which is appointed by the Government, said yesterday: "Having to increase the price offered to farmers for products which are already in surplus is an absurdity." The Food Manufacturers Federation said that the devaluation of the green pound agreed by the British Government would work against Britain's counterinflation policy.

David Cross writes from Luxembourgh It was after a final late-night session that ministers of agriculture of the Nine completed their annual farm price review for the Community's nine million farmers—a month later than

British objections to the offer of a butter subsidy of 7:p a lb had produced a com-plete deadlock at the e nd of a 50-hour marathon a month ago

to rise generally by about 21 per cent ove5 the next year, mainly as a result of new alignments of British farm prices to the much higher levels existing in other parts of the Community. This was a long standing commitment under Britain's entry terms to the Community.

The main points of the greement, which will take effec t rom the eginning of

Farm price increases: Hard whea t2.5 per cent; soft wheat 3.5 to 4 per cent; barley 3.5 to 5.2 per cent; rye 4 per cent; maize 5.2 per cent; fruit and veegetables 2.5 to 4.5 per cent; milk 3.5 per cept (with a 1.5 peer cent production tax from mid-September); sugar 3.5 to 4 per cent; beef 3.5 per cent; pork 5 per cent

Dairy products: Introduction of premiums to encourage the non-delivery of milk; reconversion premiums to encourage a switch from milk to beef production; subsidies for the sale of milk to beef production; subsidies for the sale of milk in schools; a temporary ban on national aids designed to promote higher milk production; and an 81p a lib butter subsidy for consumers in Britain financed totally from EEC funds. from EEC funds.

Beef: A continuation of the variable beef premium scheme for British producers for a fur-

From Sue Masterman
The Hague, April 26
An inquiry into the wartime
activities of a Dutch art collector who in 1951 emigrated to
South Africa, has been ordered
by Baron van der Feltz, The

Hague general prosecutor. The inquiry is expected to last about a month.

about a month.

Mr Jacob Abraham van Til-

burg has given his art collec-tion to the University of Pre-

It was confirmed today in The Hague that there had been

informal contact between he University of Pretoria, and the

Dutch Embassy there last Janu-

ary. The university was then told that there was "nothing officially wrong" with the col-

lection's origins. team of Special B.

Mr van Tilburg was arrested tives to investigate



Paris in the springtime : a Place de l'Opéra hotel employee adds to the unseasonable mountains of rubbish which are rising throughout the city because of a strike by refuse collectors.

Little enthusiasm for M Barre's 12-month action programme

From Charles Hargrove Paris, April 26

If M Raymond Barre, the French Prime Minister, could have borrowed the warmth and eloquence of M Mitterrand, the leader of the Opposition, and combined it with his own determination and economic common sense, the 12-month action programme which he submitted to the National Assembly today might have galvanized the Government majority and turned the tide against the advance of the left. But the series of steps he

outlined to check unemploy-ment, help families, and aid pensioners without relaxing his anti-inflationary programme did not, to say the least, arouse enthusiasm among the Giscardians and the Centre and got a distinctly cool reception from

The chairman of their parliamic recovered mentary party, M Claude black sp. Labbé, said it was "inadequate ployment

requires more radical long term measures". ster called for a vote of confiface up to their responsibilities. It will be taken on Thursday evening and its outcome is not in doubt, though the Gaullists made it clear that their subport would be strictly condi-

M Barre made it clear that, there could be no question of rol prices and a long term sacrificing the longer term loan. They could be effective objectives of putting the conomy back on its feet to the employers, unions and the short term one of winning the public parliamentary elections next M l

of anxiety, in the country due not merely to electoral or poli-tical causes" in spite of the progress made towards econo-Laore, said it was "inadequate ployment especially among to disorder and poverty", he in the face of a situation which young people.

As expected, the Prime Mini- for school leavers for a year, recruiting 20,000 people for the dence to compel all the parties public services, encouraging of the Government coalition to early retirement, encouraging unemployed immigrants to go home and extending professional training, the Government hoped to create 200,000 to 300,000 new jobs. These and other measures to help families

M Mitterrand, the Socialist leader, taxed the Prime Minister He admitted "the persistence with failing to achieve his own of a feeling of malaise, and even objectives. The Government

and the old would be financed

by an increase in fuel and pet-

had no long term plan to deal with unemployment. have a parliamentary majority. But we have the majority of the mic recovery. The economic people and we will use it wisely "black spot" remained unem- in rejecting a plan which leads

Disputes among Italian judges

Rome, April 26

Iraly's acute problems of law and order, as well as the grave malfunctioning of the judicial system, have been joined by an unprecedented clash

The most striking public indication of this clash is the indication of this clash is the the conservative group felt it open letter sent to the con- was not supported by its allies servative Rome newspaper ll within the association was that Tempo by Dr Pietro Pascalno, of the Rome's Chief Public Prosecutor, in answer to criticisms of the Rome judges made by Signor Francesco Cossiga, Minister of the Inserior, in Parliament.

A second instance is probably of greater practical importance. The group of conservative judges, which is the largest single group within the National Association of Judges, withdrew at the weekend from executive positions in the Association for a variety of reasons which included a proproposal to introduce a system of "bonorary judges" who would be the equivalent here of justices of the peace.

The conservative group is

angry both with the Govern-ment and with the two other main groups into which the association is divided. They accuse these two groups of hav-

collaboration with the Germans. A charge of illegal possession of Jewish property was dropped. Mr van Tilburg

was reported to have told a postwar tribunal that because

of his errest immediately after the war, he had not had the chance to return lewish prop-erty be had in safe keeping to

its rightful owners.

Baron van der Feltz has said that the inquiry has been

opened in connexion with new allegations concerning crimes against humanity, an offence which does not lapse in law.

"This is a new aspect which

was not brought before the postwar cribinal", Baron van der Feltz said. He had sent a

team of Special Branch detec

Neo-Francoist call for a strong state

Inquiry opens into wartime

record of Dutch collector

ing failed to support them on One involves their demand for the resignation of Dr Marco Ramat, the left-wing Florentine judge who, they say, should have given up his seat on the Superior Judicial Council while an unprecedented clash between a large part of the judiciary and the Government.

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criking public The second issue on which

"bonorary judges". According to the conservatives, a justice of the peace without judicial training or law degree would make the crisis within the system of justice worse because a new political element would inevitably enter it. Ironically, the group of left and far left-wing members of the magistracy—the fourth main group into which Italy's judges

are divided—was having its own congress in Rimini at the week-The meeting ended in a split. test against the Government's Ideologically, the members proposal to introduce a system could not agree on whether, as cf "bonorary judges" who the minority argued, they should support the traditional left-wing

parties, meaning Socialists and Communists, or throw their weight against these parties as revisionist and too moderate.
All this public quarrelling

among judges may appear un-

| Vietnam leader

his Paris talks

From Our Own Correspondent

Paris, April 26 Mr Pham Van Dong, the

Prime Minister of Vietnam, was the guest of honour at a luncheon given by President Giscard d'Estaing at the Elysée

Palace and attended by General Marcel Bigeard, the parachute general dropped into Dien Ben Phu and taken prisoner by the Vietcong.

Later Mr Pham Van Dong had a two-bour talk with President

dent Giscard d'Estaing.
"Everything has gone very
well, better even than I
expected. I would like to say a

great deal has been done dur-ing this visit", he said

Servicemen who served in Indo-China issued a protest

today against the visit

The Association of Former

pleased with

readistic in the midst of a serious crime wave and an appalling situation of judicial paralysis. Only two days ago, Signor Pietro Ingrao, the Communist presiding officer of the Chamber of Deputies, drew attention to the backlog of 2,500,000 penal cases pending in the courts. But at least it is effective in showing more clearly how unrealistic thinking is in some sections of the

The Rome Public Prosecutor however, can hardly be found guilty of a lack of realism. He was in fact replying to mini-sterial criticisms of the judiciary which were apparently based on inaccurate informa-

The minister made his comments about the alleged laxity of the Rome judges on mislead ing reports of the judiciary's handling of a prosecution in-volving alleged political

The reality which his letter to Il Tempo reveals is that of a probably chronic stare of latent imparience between Govern-ment and judiciary which has come dramatically to the surface for the first time. It in volves both the everyday functioning of justice and the present Government's attempts

newspaper

Demonstrators fought with police and delayed distribution of the newspaper Berlingske Tidende for more than six hours today. A crowd of about 2,000 ignored police orders to move and in the fighting that followed several policemen and demonstrators were injured. Copies of the paper could be taken from the printing works ally after the police had been withdrawn for two hours to let the crowd clear away.

It was the worst riot in Copenhagen since those during possible way", he said.
"Society cannot tolerate this form of conduct."

Referring to the sudden with drawal of police in the face of the demonstrators, he said: "Leading police officers had to weigh the risk of bloodshed which was involved against the purpose of the operation."

tions would not be tolerated in future and measures would be taken to stop demonstrators if a new attempt was made to

The dispute at Berlingske Tidende has gone on since January 30. At the weekend agreement was reached between tion of war.

Mr Henning Fonsmark, Berlingske Tidende's editor, said today that the newspaper intended to publish normally, although in a reduced size tomorrow. . .

Riot at strike-hit Danish

From Our Correspondent Copenhagen, April 26

a meeting of the World Bank here in 1970. There were immediate demands that the Government preserve law and order. Mr Anker Joergensen, the Prime Minister, said later that the clash had been discussed at today's Cabinet meeting. "The Government must condemn such activities in the strongest

He said that such demonstra-

printing unions and most Danish newspapers but five which have dismissed their printing employees continue to be the target of union activities. The Berlingske group, which accounted for 25 per cent of Danish newspaper circulation, began to produce an emergency newspaper on Monday, using non-union labour. Printing union leaders have condemned this as a gross provocation, equivalent to an open declara-

However, he noted that the Middle Eastern leaders he had talked to have expressed a strong desire to "marshal extraordinary efforts" to move The President said that after Mr Carter cited as among things that have to be wor 1

ence at all "

out" the question of Palestinian representation and whether Arab nations would take part in the Geneva talks as a group or whether some of the negotia-tions would be conducted on a Although he said that "he had been encouraged about peace prospects, he added that

to raise expectations too high would be, I think, potentially very damaging."

The one thing I might add

substantial achievements."

and longstanding."

toward peace in 1977.

on which all the leaders seem ment and more hope for a lastagreed is that the more agree- ing peace in the troubled area.

Mr Carter sees no point in holding kista Geneva meeting on Middle East without promise of real progress

Washington, April 26.— ment that we can reach before really april 26.— ment that we can reach before really april 26.— ment that we can reach before really april 26.— ment that we can reach before President Carter concluded his going to Geneva, thet less argu-talks with King Husain of ment there is going to be about Jordan and said that it might the form of the Palestinian be better to abandon plans for representation."

Geneva conference on the Mr Carter added: "I think istration unless we see some strong Middle East "unless we see possibilities for substantial some strong possibilities for achievements, before a Geneva conference can be convened-As he told reporters after unless we can see that prospect, then, I think it would be better the departure of the the King from the White House, he though that "it would be a misnot to have the Geneva confer-

take to expect too much " Earlier in his administration, because differences in the Mr Carter had talked firmly about plans for a Genevo meet-Middle East "are very wide ing in the last half of 1977. During his pronouncements while King Hussin was here he appeared to speak of it more as a desirable objective rather than a foregone conclusion.

> he completes his own round of talks with Middle Eastern leaders next month, he and his advisers will "consolidate our own ananysis" os a prelude to another Middle East visit, expected in June or July, by Mr Cyrus Vance, the Secretary of State

King Husain appeared to be optimistic about chances of peace. In an exchange of masts at a "working" White House dinner last night, the King said his discussions with Mr Carter had given him more encourage-

Middle East since his arrival here on Sunday for three days of talks with the Carter Admin

In his toast, President Carter reiterated his caution about the success of international peace efforts. Bur he said present conditions in the Middle East such as the presence of moder. are leaders made extra rdinary diplomatic initiatives, worth.

King Husain is the second Arab leader to open talks with the Carter Administration, and he will be followed by others President Sadat of Egypt was in Washington two weeks ago, while President Assad of Syria and Crown Prince Pahd of Saudi Arabia are to meet the President in Europe next month.

Meanwhile, President Carter has agreed to sell Iran five of the most sophisticated aircraft in the American arsenal at a cost of over \$500m, Administra-

tion sources said today.

Although Mr. Carter was extremely critical of the Ford Administration for selling mas-sive amounts of arms to Iran, he approved the sale to bolster Iranian radar capability near the Soviet Union. The aircraft. involved is the so-called Awars (Airborne Warning and Control System).—Reuter and AP.

Owen-Sadat talks on Russian threat

Cairo, April 26

Dr David Owen, the British Foreign Secretary, continued his delicate, undernonstrative journey through the jungle of Middle Eastern politics today and found at least some com-mon ground of agreement with President Sadat of Egypt. They spent more than an hour to Mr Mandouh Salem, the together and occupied part of Egyptian Prime Minister, in this discussing the Russian military influence in Africa.

Dr Owen where

Dr Owen, whose pronouncenears have been notably, indeed deliberately, undramatic during his visit to the Middle East, said that he and the President had talked about the fighting in Zaire, the Horn of Africa and about "The prob-lems I'm having in Rhodesia". The British, he said, in what

obviously was a reference to Rhodesia, wanted to achieve peaceful transitions rather than violent solutions. "In that area," he said, "we are all very worried about the extent of Soviet arms supplies around Africa." Dr Owen did not mention President Sadat's interest in Zaire although the

Egyptians have already sug-

gested that they might be pre-

pared to provide military aid to President Mobutu's regime.

Africa seemed to flower on the day he started his visit to President Carter in Washington, apparently commented on the current Egyptian attempts to repair relations with the Soviet Union, although Dr Owen made no mention of this

The President, whose in-terest in the Soviet threat in

Dr Owen also discussed with the President the question of Palestinian representation at Geneva, although he main-tained his role as an uncommitted observer on this, Indeed, he seemed to be going to great lengths not to

offend the Israelis when he spoke to journalists in the gardens afterwards. "I think he (the President) understands our relamonships in the Middle East which are in fact very close with the Arab world. We will maintain this . . as well as a firm relationship between the British Government and the Israeli Government

Dr Owen left Cairo this afternoon for Damascus where he is to have talks with President Assad of Syria before returning to London late to new settlement and another 48

Arab student protests bring curfew

From Eric Marsden Jerusalem, April 26

A curiew was declared in the centre of Nablus today and the Souk area was closed after

the Souk area was closed after violent demonstrations by Arab students who believed that Rabbi Meir Kahane was again visiting the town to organize a new Jewish settlement.

The Rabbi, who last week set off a riot by trying to fix a Jewish symbol to the Nablus municipality building, was in Jersualem announcing plans for the establishment of a Jewish estate on Mount Gerizm, the Samaritan holy mountain. the Samaritan holy mountain. He intends to make the artempt on May 6.

The curfew was imposed after students had stoned troops who clashed with them at roadblocks. The militars governor described it as a oreventive rather than punitive measure. He also gave measure. He also gave assurances to Arab leaders that if Rabbi Kahane returned to Nablus he would be ordered to leave promptly.

would arrive in June.

Mayor sees little chance of city being recognized as the Israeli capital

Jerusalem claims a golden age

From Eric Marsden Jerusalem, April 26

"We are not recognized by any government in the world as-the capital of Israel, and only half by the Israeli Govern-ment." Mr Teddy Kollek, Mayor of Jerusalem, used the plural pronoun not as an im-perial prerogative but in the manner of a boxer's manager alleging bias by the referee. The underlying pessimism of some of his comments suggested fears that an anguished: "We fears that an anguished: "We wuz robbed" may later be forced from him. "Mr Kollek, who was conduct-

Mr Kollek, who was conducting correspondents on a tour to mark the tenth anniversary of Israeli rule over the whole of the Holy City, had been asked why, after all this time, the main foreign embassies were still in Tel Aviv, as well as Israel's Defence Ministry and many of its parastatal institumany of its parastatal institu-

He saw little prospect of any change of heart by the world powers over Israel's claim to Jerusalem as its capital city. but disclosed that a few plots of about threequarters of an acre were being reserved as sites for future embassies just in case (some embassies ,including the American, maintain an unofficial pied-à-terre in Jeru-The major was scathing about

the foot-dragging of Israeli offi-cials and the lack of Governaffecting the city. He is seeking a law compelling all Govern-ment departments to consult his council before taking action re-figures. Mr Kollek agrees that lating to Jerusalem. Alternatively, he thinks there should be a Cabinet Minister for Jerusalem "and the only possibility has is that the mayor would be the

There was no vanity in this statement. Mr Kollek was already Mayor of West Jerusalem in 1967 when the Israeli Army captured the Old City and adjoining Arab areas. He took over the whole city and has presided over its rapid, if con-troversial, growth for 10 astonishing years. This apart, as Ben-Gurion's old lieutenant, he has greater seniority in the Zionist establishment than most members of the present Cabi-

joying a golden age at present and rattles off the achievements of the decade; a paved walk around the ancient walls, gardens and playgrounds, piped water and electricity to outlying areas, new schools for Jews and

mayor regards Jerusalem as en-

But not all Jerusalem is en

Bellagged and decorated for the three weeks between Israel's Independence Day and "Jeru-salem Day" on May 12, the city is bursting with cultural activi-

tour skirted the Arab areas where new housing estates for exclusive Tewish occupation are: being built to underline Israel's sovereignty. Of the 34,000 units planned, about 11,000 are already populated and another 6,000 are under construction.

Asked what housing for Arabs had been built to match this programme, the mayor said Arabs did not like living in large apartment blocks but preferred to build their own homes with the aid of relatives and fete. The Arab population of with the aid of relatives and nearly 100,000 is apathetic, if friends in their spare time. The not hostile. It regards the celecity had given 2,800 mortgages bration as confined to the to help them.

King of Spain sued over jumbo jet crash

San Francisco, April 26.— King Juan Carlos and the Span-ish Government have been named as codefendants in a civil suit filed in the federal court here in connexion with the Canary Islands jumbo jet disaster last month.

Also named in the suit yeste day were Pan American World Airways and the Dutch KLM airline, which operated the two Boeing 747s that collided on the airport runway on March 27, killing 579 people.

The suit was filed by Mr Waker Michael Wast, special administrator of the estate of Jean Houston, a California Jean Houston, a California woman, who was killed in the

All the defendants are charged with negligence and derekation of duty in providing for the safety of visitors to the Canary Islands.—Reuter.

Zaire expects to end war

Kinshasa, April 26.—Zaire The Zaire news agency Azap troops, backed up by Moroccans, today reported from Kolwezi have opened another front in that Zaire forces appeared to the Shaba war. Reliable sources have encircled the border town here expected them to recept at Dilolo. ture Kapanga any day now.

The fall of Kapanga, the ancient capital of the Lunda

within a few weeks

people and one of three important localities seized by the Katangese rebels, was described said today that there was a by a Western military expert as possibility of a diplomatic serile possibility of a diplomatic serile His assesment was expressed

after the recapture yesterday, in a separate sector of the fighting further south between Kolwezi and the Angolan border, of the town of Mutshatsha.

The outcome of the war was

no longer in doubt, the military expert added. Within the next few weeks, the combined forces were likely to control all the area once held by the Katan-

Press commentaries here have

insisted that the moons were under orders to pursue the enemy right through to its final destruction. But observers said today that there was a ment before a final military con quest over the Katangese. This speculation followed the return here last night of Mr. Nguza, the Foreign Affairs Com-

missioner, from visits to Sene-gal, Togo, Sudan and Sandi Arabia: Mr Nguza is soon due to meet Colonel Joe Garba, the Nigerian Foreign Minister, who is coming to Kinshasa to renew Zeire and Angola Agence France-Presse.

appearance in Barcelona last present one drawn up by night with five of its leaders, Franco. He let his views on all former ministers like Senor the constitution be known after Madrid, April 26 Señor Manuel Fraga Iri-Francoist Popular. Altiance, were shouts of "Franco, would stand for election to the told King Juan Carlos today Franco" during one of the Congress of Deputies. The plant of the incomplete that he had confirmed that he told King Juan Carlos today Franco" during one of the Congress of Deputies. The visit to the United

Speaking for the seven

told the King during an audience at the Zarzuela Palace: "There is only justice and freedom within the rule of

to this by the legalization of the Spanish Communist Party.

The alliance made its first new constitution to replace the

Señor Fraga said the alliance States, which starts today and did not regard Erancoism as a ends on Seturday is seen and parties which make up the "dirty word" and wanted to alliance, Senor Fraga Iribarne save the best of it. Senor Suarez, the Prime Minister, now on an official visit to Mexico, said last night

that he was in favour of the the law. Only a strong state next Cortes (parliament) draw-can guarantee liberty within ing up a new constitution.

Communist poet and political exile, was reported today to be ing up a new constitution.

He added that the period of

His visit to the United

ends on Saturday, is seen in Spain as the opening of his electoral campaign, with the added support of the Carter Señor Rafael Alberti,

exile, was reported today to be on the point of returning from The main theme of the Pope transition to democracy would Rome to Madrid. A member of ular Alliance as its leaders to end with the June general the Communist Party's executarn the country well elections before the official opening of darion of democracy requires a the election campaign is law constitution. Senor Dolores Darruri, known and order and the threat posed the Communist Party's executation of democracy requires a exile in 1939. Together with the election campaign is law constitution. Senor Dolores Darruri, known and order and the threat posed the Minimus had not a passionaria. Senor Dolores Tamous Senor the Prime Minister had pub. Alberti is the most famous licly committed himself to a Spaniard still in exile.

Britain wants Bonn to help again with BAOR costs From Dan van der Vat was sure that the West Ger-mans realized the burden to Britain's balance of payments

Bergen, West Germany April 26 Britain will press the reluc-

tant West Germans for one more offset agreement to help with the foreign exchange costs of keeping troops in Germany, Mr Callaghan said today. The Prime Minister was addressing a press conference in an army tent on the Lune-berg Heath towards the end of his tour of British forces in

Germany. He confirmed that the oriser costs issue had not come up in mon defence in Nato. may be his discussions with Herr laghan said he had not had any second thoughts about Govern-Schmidt, the Chancellor, who accompanied him at the beginning of his inspection yester-

equipment in Germany. The last official agreement expired last year and there has been little progress on a new one. The Prime Minister also praised the spirit, morale and efficiency of British forces which, he said, were making an

-E550m a year—in keeping 55,000 troops, 10,000 airmen and their dependants and

day.

"I would like to get one wen he met. He flev more agreement", he said. He London this evening. been raised by the officers and men he met. He flew back to

SS rally plan in Italy 'an act of provocation From Our Own Correspondent

as "an act of grave provo-

Signor Mario Zadra, a lead-ing member of the Partisans' Association in Bolzano, capital of the Alto Adige province with a big German speaking population, promised a counter-demonstration if the Italian authorities failed to ban

Gebirgs Division". News of the planned rally had reached the An official of the Italian Partisans' Association through Partisans' Association today an Austrian anti-Nazi organiza-described plans to organize a tion based in Innsbruck. rally of former members of the Nazi Waffen SS at Varna, near meetings of Nazi ex-servicemen Bressanone in the Akto Adige, associations had taken place in Alto Adige but hitherto they had been decently camouflaged

to organize the SS rally openly, with participants expected from Bavaria and the Austrian Tirol. The news has caused particular indignation here as Italians marked yesterday the The SS rally, scheduled to the the noiversary of the ristake place from May 28 to ing organized by the Italian May 30, is to be attended by Resistance movement against some 300 former members of Fascism and the German occurring Alpine Division "Waften SS pation.

as tourist excursions. This time it appears that the intention is

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Arabs cannot be expected to join in festivities marking the city's "reunification", which has a different meaning to

But he has a rosier view than most observers of the Arab mood and situation. Last week on Independence Day, which the mayor says "should be a day of mourning for the Arabs", he strolled along the main shopping street in East Jerusalem, found everything open and was found everything open and was

invited into some shops for a He could hardly have been expected to mention that the shops were open because their owners had been given dire warnings of the penalties that closing would bring. With Mr Kollek as guide, the

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Hopes of a solution to Pakistan crisis before weekend march

From Richard Wigg Rawalpindi, April 26

Rawalpindi, April 26
Some hopes have been raised that a negotiated way out of Pakistan's six-week political crisis might be found before next Saturday's fresh trial of strength in the streets, when opposition supporters will face true ys and police during their planned march to the home of Mr Bhutto, the Prime Minister.

Mr Bhutto spent more than two hours talking last Saturday to the Mufti Mahmud, presi-

two nours taking last Saturday to the Mufti Mahmud, president of the opposition Pakistan National Alliance who has been imprisoned since March 26, Nama-i-Waqt, a leading Urdu daily close to the Opposition,

reported today.

The meeting took place at the Sibila police college rest house
12 miles from here, where Mr
Bhutto has brought together
almost all the leading
representatives of the nineparty alliance in an evident demonstration of his power and

demonstration of his power and to force them to confer.

Tonight, perhaps even more significantly, it became known that Air Marshal Asghar Khan, a former head of the Air Force who leads the Tehric-I-Istiqual lament of the alliance in clement of the alliance, is expected to join the other leaders at Sihala tomorrow.

Sometimes spoken of as the

right wing's candidate for the ost of Prime Minister because of his authoritar an norsonality Air Marshal Asghar Khan is the nughest of all the handliners in the alliance leadership. But he indicated last night, while refusing Government efforts to move him from the Lahore jail bere he has been detained, that he would accede to a per-sonal request from the Mufti. Other leaders at Sihala, in huildings well guarded by olice and situated at the end of long valley lined by bleak lils, include Nawabzada asrullah Khan, who was

Mr Butto which could amount to a new offer. However, lead-ing opposition figures still in Rawalpindi continued today to insist that Mr Bhutto should

It is understood that the opposition leaders are already considering the points made by Mr Bhutto which could amount to a constant of the point of t resign before new elections are

Aides of Air Marshal Asphar Khan did not conceal a certain fear that their leader might be left out in the cold. If he does go to Sihala and participates in the opposition talks it could be a crucial factor; the uther leaders have until now continually been looking over their shoulders, well aware that if they could asset their shoulders. if they stayed together they might sell a deal to their supporters in the country. But that if the Air Marshal did not joir in he might become a populahero by denouncing any switch in tactics.

The Opposition has at least one card in its hand; its leaders know that Mr Bhutto would be reluctant to extend the curfew and martial law in Rawalpindi where the foreign diplomatic community lives, so that the big march on Saturday could be more readily contained

Government officials have made representations to the British Embassy here over BBC broadcasts and commentaries on Pakistan's crisis. Following the line of Mr Bhutto's recent attack on the BBC-whose Urdu service commands a wide public while censorship is imposed on all local media—official sources maintain that the broadcasts constitute interference in the country's internal affairs.

Nawa-i-Waqt, which appeared today with four blank spaces on i's front page alone, told the rought there immediately after Government in a leading article lis arrest in Lahore early on that cer. Sunday, and the Begum Wali defeating. that consorship was self-

said to have been poisoned

Khan, wife of the imprisoned leader of the banned National Awami Party, who is still in From Our Own Correspondent From Our Own Correspondent
Juhannesburg, April 26
A leading member of Mr
Robert Mugabe's wing of the
Rhodesian Patriotic From, Mr
Rex Nhongo, is alleged to have
been poisoned by a colleague,
according to a senior nationalist source who has been visiting Gaborone.

The source said Mr Nhongo

The source said Mr Nhongo, a military leader of the guerrilla forces operating from Mozambique, named his poisoner before he died. Shortly afterwards President Samura Machel of Mozambique is reported to have ordered the arrest of a member of the coordinating committee of the ordinating committee of the

ordinating committee of the Patriotic Front.
The arrested man was released from prison in Zambio last year after being acquitted of charges relating to the arrested of Mr. Herthe assassination of Mr Her-bert Chitepo,

Journalist flees to Botswana

Johannesburg, April 6.—Mr Nat Serache, a black journalist formerly employed by the oppofrom South Africa after facing charges of incirement to racial hostility, and is now in Bots-wana, it was reported here

The newspaper said that Mr. Seruche, aged 32, assistant administrative secretary of the militant anti-apartheid Black People's Convention, was on bail | Sisulu, secretary-general of the

Mugabe man | Conducted tour to dispel 'Devil's Island' tab on S Africa's maximum security jail

A glimpse at the life of prisoners of Robben Island

Robben Island, April 26.—The South African Government, sensitive to allegations that it runs a "Devil's island" for political prisoners, has finally allowed outsiders to see its maximum security jail. All its inmates are non-whites, convicted enemies of the state.

The fenced in group of sign

The fenced-in group of single storey buildings is on Robben Island, a 232 acrepiece of land seven miles north of Cape Town.

Major-General Jannie Roux, one of South Africa's deputy commissioners for prisoners, conducted 24 local and foreign correspondents round Robben Island yesterday. He said it was a unique event as the prison had not been seen at close quarters by the media since it opened on April 1,

In that time opponents of the South African Covernment the South African Covernment have dubbed it "South Africa's Devil's Island" after the notorious French penal colony, partly because of the secrecy surrounding it, and partly because of allegations of illtreatment of prisoners inside.

One of the conditions under which the journalists were taken to the island was that they submit their copy to the Prisons Department for vetting by General Roux "for security reasons."

reasons".

The prison holds 370 black,
Asian and Coloured men in
brightly-polished, freshlypainted, barrack-type buildings. Thirty-two of the inmares have been sentenced to stay for the rest of their lives. They include Nelson Mandela, president of the banned African National Congress; Walter



The inside view: A typical single cell for men serving life sentences on Robben Island.

Govan Mbeki, ANC's nutional chairmon and Andre Mlangeni, also of the ANC. All were convicted in 1964 on four counts of substage and conspiring to start a violent revolu-

shovel when the journalists saw ling area and toilets.

Mr Mandela's cell was shown the prison. Mr Mandela and 29 other

prisoners have a life apart from the rest of the inmates of Ar Mandela, described by a fudge at a previous trial as others live in large dorminite leader and figurehead of cells in their own block with weeds from a pathway with a shovel when the journalists can

to keep them apart." to the journalists along with others in a special section of the prison.

The cells, measuring 7ft by 8ft have thickly barred windows which look down into a courtyard with a concrete

> tennis court. The island, covered by sparse grass, thick bushes and small trees, looks directly into Table Bay. It is populated only by the prisoners, their 174 white jailers and the prison of the

The prisoners work a five-day week, with Saturday and Sunday off. Officers said the working day for prisoners was from 7.15 am until 4 pm, with one hour for lunch and smok-

one hour for lunch and smoking breaks.

The prison officers are usually not armed. General Roux said. None of the officers seen by the reporters yesterday carried guns.

The prisoners re not allowed newspapers, radios or

television for security reasons. They are permitted a max imum of two visits a month of half an hour each in which talk of politics and current events is forbidden. Only two letters a month are allowed in and two out, subject to censor

ship.

The prison is surrounded by twin steel-mesh fences about 20ft high and the same distance apart. The island's greatest security fence is the sea. It is three miles to the nearest

land and the waters are frequently rough and cold
Nobody has escaped from Robben Island, General Roux said. Only two have tried, 15 years ago, when ordinary criminals were confined here. Their makeshift raft capsized a few yards from the island and they swam back into the arms of

their juilers.
The visit by the journalists had been kept a close secret until just before two Dakota aircraft flew them in from Cape Town, General Roux said him. He tried to conceal himself behind a tail rockery as mere selected, the general said: "We must think they passed.

The journalists were not allowed to interview inmates. On the other men. We prefer they might have allowed to interview inmates.

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The number of prisoners has journalists saw Robben Island risen by 130 over the last year, as it was, adding that neither due in part to the riots in prisoners nor staff was presulting this matter.

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Angolan-Yugoslav warning

foreseeable consequences for

ln a joint statement issued here last night, President Neto of Angola and President Tito aid non-aligned countries bould not allow themselves " to be used by forces who do not like the policy of non-align-

of African Unity (OAU) in the struggle for African liberation and the fight against "imperialist pressures and interfer-

Their statement andemned imperialist and neocolonialist forces? for hindering the roat to independence and freedom of the people of Zimbabwe (Rhodesia), Namibia

Africa and peace and security some socialist countries should in the world." not hinder their mutual co-operation, and progressive forces of the world should help

nations to strengthen mutual economic cooperation, relying order to create stronger posi-

Warsaw: President Neto, on the first full day of an official visit to Poland, travelled to the Baltic port of Gdvnia where he toured a shipyard. The Polish press has sugges-ted that fishing is a promising

area of cooperation between the two countries, and today's visit indicated that the supply of Polish-built fishing vessels to Angola could be under con-

on intervention in Africa

Belgrade, April 26.-Angola (South-West Africa) and South and Yugoslavia have declared Africa. It calle! on non-that competition and conflicts aligned and African countries in Africa could lead to "inter-to-support liberation movements vention from outside with "1-" in the south of Africa. The differences between

each other, it said. President Tito and President Neto also called on developing

At the end of a four-day visit to Yugoshwia by President Neto, the two leaders emphasized the control of the control of the two leaders emphasized the control of the two leaders emphasized the control of the

Senators accept debate their Dr Brewster

Dr Brewster is president of Yale University. Without debate the committee

also approved Mr Philip Alston, an Atlanta lawyer, as Ambassador to Australia and Mrs Anne dor to Australia and Mrs Anne Cox Chambers, a newspaper heiress, as envoy to Belgium. Senator Jacob Javits (Republicana, New York) questioned Mr Alston and Mrs Chambers about their membership of Atlanta, clubs alleged to discriminate against blacks. Mrs Chambers said she would reconsider her membership, but Mr Alston said he believed his membership was irrelevant.— Reuter.

Roman Catholics

The countries represented are Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia (South-West Africa), Rhodesia, South Africa and Swaziland.

The meeting takes place at a crucial time for the Catholic Churches in southern Africa. Churches in southern Africa. The emergence of Marxist. Leninist regimes in Angola and Mozambique has been accompanied by a marked reduction of the Church's influence in these countries. In Rhodesia, Namibia and South Africa, the Church has increasingly taken the side of the blacks in the growing racial confrontation.

as London envoy | role in Africa Washington, April 25.—Dr Kingman Brewster, chosen by President Carter as his Ambassador to Britain, had his appointment approved by the Senate foreign relations committee today. The way is now clear for endorsement by the full Senate. The Resources is president of the countries. The countries represented

Carter plan to curb cost of hospital care

the rise has 300 per cent, to an average of \$158 (f93).

The total hospital bill for the national reached \$55,400m last year \$254 for every American), increasing 15 per cent last year. It continues to rise more than twice as fast as the general cost of living. Mr Carter's proposals w ould limit future price incrwases to 9 per doctor for hospital administrator? for hospital administrator? feels no compunction at overcharging, or at insisting that every patient should be subjected to every conceivable medical test and treatment, however expensive or unaccessary.

Those who advocate a national health insurance scheme believe t hat closer regulation by the Government

The suggestion has already aroused the ire of the medical lobbies, who claim that any such legislation would reduce the quality of medical care. The general public, utterly convinced that medicine is the most profitable racket in the most profitable racket in the United States, will doubtless would reduce waste. Mr Carter has promised to work for health insurance, and this proposal is seen as a step in the right direction.

One factor which will probably help in reducing the inflation of medical costs is the rapid inflation in the numbers of doctors.

From Our Own Correspon-support. Mr Carter, while being sceptical of his chances

Washington, April 26
President Carter has proposed legislation to hold down the rise in the cost of hospital care in the United States. The cost of a day's stay in an American hospital has risen by about 1,000 per cent since 1950, compared withrise of 1 36 per cent in the Consumer Price Index. In the past decade the rise has 300 per cent, to an of success.

being sceptical of his chances of success.

ment, the chief cause of this very high rate of inflation is very high rate of inflation is

future price incrwases to 9 per ulation by the Government would reduce waste. Mr Carter

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Not across the Atlantic

Ottawa, April 26 The defection of mineat Conservative MP to the Liberal Government has snaken Canada's political equil brium. There is speculation that it may have helped to bring closer a federal election. Mr Pierre Trudesu, the

Prime Minister, is being credit-ed with a coup in achieving the conversion of Mr John Horner, who last week joined the Cabinet as Minister without Portfolio.

Mr Horner, aged 49, an Alberta rancher and a milhad been a Conservative MP for 19 years. Through much of that time he acted as a leading spokesman for the right wing of the party. He was the Conservative leadership at last year's convention, which was won by Mr Joseph Clark, his junior by 12 years in terms of age and 14 years in terms of time spent serving in the

authough oriented doc-trinally far to the right of Mr Clark, who is a control Clark, who is a progressive, Mr Horner remained a powerful force in the Conservative

He was known to have suffored huge losses in his attempt for the party leader-saip, which his supporters concrived to make up with fund-using dinners in his consti-

and the delay caused an ugly aspute between his consti-...ency organization and the Conservative national office.

The Liberals, sensing that a big political plum might be the for plucking, approached Mr Horner on March 10, through Mr James Couns, principal secretary to Mr Tru-

Mr Horner before the announcement that he was bringing April him into his Cahinet It is retire believed to be only a marter of ill hea

From Kuldip Nayar

nopeful note here today.

The talks between India and

Mr Gromyko, the Soviet

linister, who was present at

the talks, said that there was

no problem left to discuss be-

Fear for life

released. There was still no word from the Government of

The guerrillas, who call them-

the life of Senor Borgonovo, whom they kidnapped from his

They said later they would

accept an unspecified smaller number of releases after the Government said only theree of

Historian cannot

Tesar, the dissident Czecho-lovak historian and a signa-

tory of the human rights man-

In a letter to Mr Strougal.

the Prime Minister, copies of

which reached Western corres-pondents, Mr Tesur said that

all his applications for jobs

ince his release from prison

He was one of 13 intellec-

ruals tried in 1972 after the

distribution of leaflets reminding electors of their right not to vote in the 1971 general election.—Agence France-

last October had been turned down, including one as a night

the 37 were held-Reuter.

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minister

the Soviet Union started on a

Delhi, April 26

tled" today.

India's new leaders affirm

Foreign Minister, who arrived nalists on leaving Mr Desai's esterday, met Mr Morarji office. He said that Mr Desai Desai, the Prime Minister of and he had discussed not only

tween the two countries Indo-Soviet relations."
because everything was "set- Mr Gromyko said that after

friendship for Russia

expected to have a Cabinet reshuffle this summer. Mr Horner's switch has been

called one of the most startling political events in Canada for years. What makes it so remarkable is the record be had established as a bitter, outspoken critic of Liberal Government policy and of Mr Trudeau personally.

Several years ago he voted against the Government's Official Languages Act in defiance of his own leader at the time, Mr Robert Stanfield, who sup-ported it. The Act makes both French and English official languages of Canada.

He has long been popularly regarded as an opponent of the aspirations of French-speak-ing Quebec. In a weekend relevision interview, a Frenchspeaking reporter called him a bigot. He also accused him of having advocated the use of force to keep Quebec in the confederation, but this Mr confederation. Horner denied.

Mr Horner's detection gives the federal Liberals their only docMr seat in Alberta, all of whose 19

Mr seats went solidly Tory in the 1974 election. Winning him over may shift the entire political balance in the Canadian sufficiently have not fared too age.

It could, on the other hand, cause Mr Trudeau problems in Quebec. political Nevertheless, many observers believe the Because of regulations he could not immediately get his bands on all the money of the momentum the Horner of the delay counted from these functions. switch has given him by call-ing a national election later this year, a year before it would normally be held.

The issue would be national unity, the main public issue in Canada since the election of a separatist government in Quebec last November. The outcome of six federal by-elecdeau.

The Prime Minister himself five in Quebec, may influence had at least one meeting with the Prime Minister's position.

Harvey. New Brunswick. April 26.—Mr Trudeau will retire before Christmas, citing ill health as his reason, Mr time before the new minister William Skoreyko a Conserva-receives a portfolio, probably tive MP, said here last night. an important one such as Mr Trudeau has been in power transport trade and commerce, since 1968.—Agence France or agriculture, Mr Trudeau is Presse,

fortunes of a political party."

Mr Vajpayee's speech in praise of Indo-Soviet friend-

ship matched the remarks made by Mr Gromyko to jour-

He added: "We cannot

his discussions with Mr Desai,

SPORT.

Point which may keep West Ham

Leeds Utd 1 West Ham Utd 1 West Ram United awoke in time to the fact that there was a reward for them at Elland Road last night if only they would stretch out a hand to grasp it. It is always said that the most de-pressing defeat of all 15 in the semi-final round of the FA Cup and Leeds United, beaten at this stage by Manchester United on Saturday, had not recovered any shred of appetite for the game. They are comfortably, if anonymously placed in the middle of the table and this match clearly

The attendance was under 17,000: those who would have been clamouring for Wembley tickets had Leeds been successful three days earlier obviously

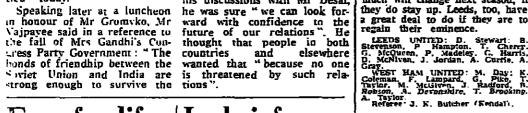
bar.

Excitement was, however, strictly rationed although Leeds occasionally showed their pedigree in the sweep of their moves and Madeley, when he moved into overdrive, reminded us what a splendid athlete he is. His upright carriage makes him a player of supreme grace, but it needed a more competitive serting to emphasize his quality.

Day did well to turn away a close-range shot from Currie, but the goalkeeper's weakness in the air was fully exposed from the

not under a great deal of pressure and Jordan drove in a left-footed and Jordan drove in a left-footed volley. From then on, Leeds lost interest and, although West Ham were under a kind of pressure for most of the time, the equalizing goal after 73 minutes came as no great surprise. Inevitably, it was created by Brooking who, as he ran forward, found the defence parting shead of him. His cross shot had Stewart struggling, and Robson turned it in. Robson later handled the hall in his own nearly handled the ball in his own penalty area but, wisely, did it on the referee's blind side. Leeds could

So West Ham fight on, one of seven or eight clubs under the threat of relegation. For the fluent Brooking, survival would be fluting, but there is little in the West Ham team to suggest that



In brief of kidnapped Death cell man iailed for life

San Diego, California, April 26.—Edgar Smith, freed after 14 years in the condemned cell San Salvador, April 26.—The republic of El Salvador waited today to hear the fate of Señor when his best-selling book Brief Against Death won him a retrial in 1971, is back behind Flauricio Borgonovo Pohl, the Foreign Minister, whose guerrilla kidnappers have said they will kill him tmoorrow

unless political prisoners are Last October he was arrested for theft and attempted murword from the Government of der. A judge vesterday sen-President Molina, who has said teenced him to life imprison-he cannot fulfil the ransom ment without possibility of elves the Popular Liberation forces, originally demanded that 37 prisoners should be freed and allowed to go into

Report on Moscow

Mr Cledwyn Hughes, chair-man of the Parkamentary Labour Party, and an all party delegation of eight MPs returned from Moscow last night to report on their discussions with President Podgorny and other Soviet leaders.

City of tense calm

Beirut, April 26.-An uneasy calm has returned to the Muslim sector of Beirut after a ceasefire ended heavy fighting between Syrian peacekeeping forces and Palestinian guerrillas.

Prague, April 26.-Mr Jan No 'to army pull-out Washington, April 25.—The House of Representatives has rejected a proposal to withdraw ifesto Charter 77, has said that no one will employ him and has asked for permission to 17,000 American soldiers from

Dissidents released

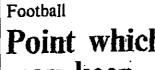
Warsaw, April 26.-Six members of the Workers' Defence Committee, a Polish dissident group, who were arrested last Saturday, have been freed.

Eve on the senate

watchmen. In each case he was told that he did not "ful-il the necessary conditions" Newark, New Jersey, April 26.—Althea Gibson, the black Mr Tesar, said that he had former tennis star, aged 49, is been treated with brutality during his four years in prison seeking the Democratic nomination for a seat in the New and had to spend three months Jersey state senate.

Musical eclipse

Moscow, April 26.—Some Soviet music lovers at a science conference, said they preferred computer-written melodies to the works of human composers.



afloat

By Gerald Richmond mattered little to them or to their

ful three days earlier obviously consider that their season is over. For West Ham, though, Robson's goal gave them a point which could help to keep them afloat.

Leeds are gradually changing shape and Don Revie, the England manager, could have been forgiven for replaying past contests in his mind as he watched this gentle affair on the ground where he achieved so much. Bremner, Giles and Hunter have moved on. Clarke is soon to have an operation and Reaney and Frank Gray were omitted.

Even then, Leeds always had more power at their disposal had they cared to make use of it, with McQueen dominant in defence and jordan's power in the air worrying an already nervous West Ham defence. In midfield, Currie took the chance to display some of his rich tallent, but it was all avuncular stuff, resembling nothing more than a practice match.

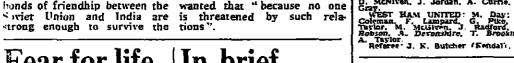
stuff. resembling nothing more than a practice match.

West Ham appeared quite pleased to have the fixture at all, yet they could have scored first when Alan Taylor broke away on Brooking's precise pass. McQueen found an extra yard of pace as he swept across to cover, but Taylor later came back with a brave, if fruitless, diving header after lampard had exchanged passes with Robson. An explosive long shot by Currie curred wide and McNiven, given ample time to turn, in the West Ham penalty area stabbed the baff over the bar.

air was fully exposed from the corner which followed. Day fumbled Currie's kick although

scarcely muster the enthusiasm to

Desai, the Prime Minister of and he had discussed not only india, and described the talks as very useful. Mr Atal Bihari Vajpayee. India's Foreign two countries but also "the allow any gaps to appear in much will change next season, if they do stay up. Leeds, too, have a great deal to do if they are to regain their eminence.



Promotion almost certain for Wolves

Wolverhampton Wanderers, the division two leaders, reeled off their twenty-first win of the their twenty-first win of the season to make promotion rirtually certain at Molineux last night. Only Chelsea and Bolton can overtake them on points and Nottingham Forest could theoretically pip them on goal difference. After a first half in which Wolves wasted three simple chances, they produced some exciting football, scored twice in 13 minutes, bit a post, and proexciting football, scored twice in 13 minutes, hit a post, and provided the Cardiff goal with some amazing escapes. Palmer, with his first goal of the season, put Wolves on the way to victory by rattling in a close range shot from Catr's centre. That was in the fifty-eighth minute and 13 minutes later Sunderland added a second by heading in a corner from Hibbitt. Saver pulled a goal back for Cardiff in the eightieth minute but in the last two minutes Patching headed in from close range and Hibbitt chipped home from the edge of the penalty area.

rom the edge of the penalty area. Swansea C 2, Huddersfield T 1

ISTUMIAN LEAGUE: Barking 1.
Hayes 2: Eishop's Stortford 1, Dulyick Hamlet 3: Leytonstone 2, Hitchin Tokyl 1: Slough 2. Hord 1: Stough 2. Hord 1: Stames Tokyl Steadon 1; Walthamstow Avenue 3. Wycombe Wanderer 2.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: First division North: Gloucestor 1. Stourbridge 0: Corby 4. Tamworth 0.

A superbly headed goal by 17-year-old Jeremy Charles in the 55th minute gave Swanses the victory they needed to keep their fourth division promotion hopes alive. It was Charles' 23rd goal in his first leaves final minute but once again, it was a tale of missed chances for the Londoners.



helps keep them afloat

Bristol City 1 Queen's Park Rangers could have assisted their London rivals, West Ham United and Tottenbam Hotspur by beating the first division's bottom club, Bristol City, at Loftus Road, last night. They failed to help friend, foe or themselves by doggedly, but obstinately, attempting to play their usual on the ground, close-passing game that on a flooded pitch was out of the question. Bristol City, more realistic, were splendedly persistent and so kept themselves afloat for at least another week. Keeping themselves abreast of

their own, albeit now less worry ing difficulties, was more than enough for Rangers on a night when torrential rain made it im-possible to guarantee anything. On the islands of grass between the lakes some football was possible, though unnatural, especially the type favoured by Rangers. Cruelly, nobudy remembers that rainstorms and swamps can influence the fluctuations of a season's events. For a long time a

trying to raise their team like life-buoys, probably felt irrationally bitter towards their man, Ratchie, who three times missed what offer other pitch could have been described as an open goal. Here nothing was easy. The water clawed at the ball, snatching it in midstream and ruining the best of intentions. Ritchie happened to suffer more publicly because he got into the goal area. If anyone truly mastered the conditions it was Kelly, for Rangers, who plunged into tacsies and always seemed to emerge with

the ball which he also managed to convey across the surface water a surprising degree of accuracy. While Rangers rarely relided the City penalty area, Ritchie frequently approached Parkes. He ran on to a long pass from Merrick after 20 minutes of drowned farce, but Parkes stilled his spot. He tried to control a ball that He tried to control a ball that McLintock had abandoned to the mire but could do no better and Parkes again saved; and, not long

admirably purchased by the efforts of Whitehead out on the efforts of Whitehead out on the comparatively dry right wing.
Eventually, and deservedly, Ritchie was compensated and rewarded for his determination. Just after the hour Garland broke away and after almost folling over Parkes, pushed the ball away for Parkes, pushed the ball away for Ritchie to score a goal of hope for the West Country. Rangers were inclined to aban-don hope when passes lodged in

the puddles. Bristol City, perhaps with a stafaring spirit, kept try-ica. There was virtually an con-sidered football from either side and it could not be expected. The and it could not be expected. The patient Rangers supporters showed to sympathy and roundly condemned Eastne for shooting too hurrisdly from close range, and Wabb for lobbing the ball over the usp from 30 yards. They derisively overlooked the appalling difficulties.

OUEEN'S PARK RANGERS. P. Prints' D. Greenet. I diffield J. Holland, F. McLinock, D. Masson sinb. D. Inoris, F. McLinock, D. Musch, Shader, G. Franks, D. Musch, C. Franks, D. States, G. Seriney, G. Merrick, G. Gow, G. Santon, C. Merrick, G. Gow, G. Schier, N. Hunter, T. Tainion, T. Richma, C. Garland, P. Cornack, A. Meisenet, M. J. Taylor, Dealt,

United only have eyes for the Cup

the freedom of the park, continue their end of season revival after a season of disappointment and are giving Jack Charlton a winning

By Keith Macklin
The football equivalent of the lion and the lamb lying down together is happening in the northeast where Middlesbrough can this week pur Newcastle United in Europe and the pur Newcastle United in

the first division.

The first half of this demonstration of Middlesbrough's solidarity with bitter rivals occurred at Avresome Park last night when Middlesbrough took advantage of Manchester United's obvious pre-occupation with Wembley to sin Defeat for United means that Newcastle bave a six-point lead in the chase for one of the

lead in the chase for one of the Uefa Cup places.

It was always apparent last night that United choose to pursue a European place via the FA Cup final. Consequently their challenge to Middlesbrough was merely a token one. In short, there was little resemblance between this non-committal side and the chirpy cup fighters of Hillsborough.

farewell. Armstrong, Mills and the brilliandy constructive Souness were the heroes of last night's win, joyously acclaimed by a crowd yearning for success, however limited, and exulting in a win, however hollow, against Manchester United. Armstrong got the two first half goals. His first was a crisp header thrived visibly from the lack of painful attention from the United defence. The second Armstrong goal was an unfortunate moment for Stepney. As Armstrong's corner came swerving in Stepney

was harassed by young Ramage. a Yorkshire colt fast bowler, and the ball entered the net. Mills got the third goal midway through the second half, and again United's dilatory defence set up the opening. The younger

the net. the net.

After that it was exhibition stuff from both sides in all but finishing. Chances galore were created against defenders not risking the slightest injury. Mills missed two

runaway chances for Middles-brough and Hill missed sitters for United as it to make it abund-The second leg of the north-east spring double is on Friday, when by beating West Ham the Tees-siders can throw Sunderland a First division lifeline.

MIODIESBROUGH: I. Plan: J. Craugs. T. Cooper. A. Ramage, W. Auddrew. D. Armstrong. D. Mids. A. Wood. P. Brine.

MANCHESTER UNITED: A Stephey Nichail, S. Houston, B. Greenhoft, Buchan, S. McDros, L. Macarl, S. rson, S. Coppell, J. Greenhoff, C. Referee: T. L. Morris (Leeds).

Flanagan goals Burnley 2

Chariton 5 Charlton's margin of victory did little justice to Burnley's brave effort to gain valuable points to escape from the second division relegation zone. After scoring first through Newton, Burnley conceded an own goal from Rodaway and a an own goal from Rodaway and dependity by Peacock after Powell had been brought down. Charlton dominated the second half and two goals from Flanagan which took his total for the season to 22 and a rare goal from Powell sank Burnley despite Ingham's late consolution.

put paid

to Burnley

their relegation worries but they were beaten by the finishing power Ted MacDougall and Michael Channon who, between them, have scored more goals this season than the entire Orient side. MacDougall put Southampton ahead after 25 minutes when he calmly turned in a low cross from Channon. Osgood almost helped Holmes make it 2—0 minutes later but Jackson spread himself to make a fine save. Gray, waiting at the far post, headed in a Whiteleter him of the control of the control of the later himself to the Whittle free-kick after 56 minutes, but MacDougall restored South-ampton's lead six minutes later ampton's lean six minutes later when he pounced on a loose hall after Osgood had headed down a Channon cross. Channon himself raced in to score from a Ball cross 10 minutes from time. Beanett hit a second goal for Orient in the final minute has to be a second goal for Orient in the final minute has to be a second goal for Orient in the final minute has to be a second goal for Orient in the second goal for Orient in the final minute has to be a second goal for Orient in the second goal for Orient g

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE! allock 1, Ringor City 1: Morecumbe Eurica 1.

Port Vale dash the hopes of Crystal Palace

Crystal Palace 1 Preston 1 The promotion hopes of Crystal Palace from the third division ended in a 16-minute spell in the first half during which Port Vale scored three times and George Graham was sent off.

Ian Evans put through his own goal after hanf an hour and four minutes later Graham was booked and greaters. minutes later Graham was booked and sent off in the space of 30 seconds for fouls on Osborne and Bailey. Port Vale scored twice more in the next five minutes through Cullerton and Sutcliffe and Palace were finished.

In spite of a second half recovery all Palace could manage was a consolation and servers.

was a consolation goal from Bourne two minutes from time but Beamish had netted a fourth for the home side two minutes earlier to complete the Palace drubbing.

goal in under two minutes.

Awarded a free kick just outside the penalty area. Burns tapped the ball to Elwiss and the striker hammered a first time shot past nammered a first time snot past the crumbling Gillingham wall for his twenty-first goal of the season. There were only 4,943 spectators there to see it—Preston's second lowest attendance this season. The rest of the game was very much an anti-climax with Preston well in control but unable to take their chances against a disappoint-

Preston scored a spectacular

ing Gillingham side. Four players had their names taken-Lawrenson (Preston), and

No worries about Irwin

manager, is convinced that Everton's FA Cup challenge will end tonight in the semi-final repiay at Maine Road. Paisley says:

"Everton did not surprise me on
Saturday even though they did
surprise my team. But they will
not surprise us tomorrow."

Paisley, seeking a unique English
treble of European, FA Cup and
League honours in one season.
has made one definite change for
tonicht's clash from the side that

Saturday. He brings in Johnson for a full game, switching Fair-clough to the substitute's bench as he did against Zurich in the European Cup semi-final last week. But he waits on the fliness of the M-year-old Smith, the best player in Liverson's artifacts. ic-year-old Smith, the best player in Liverpool's ordinary performance against their Merseyside rivels at Maine Road on saturday. "Tommy is a law unto himself about fitness. He will tell me if he is fit or not by tomorrow afternoon."

Last night's football results and tables

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Parker and Fosh add in WE sparkle to the gloom

sity drew with Leicestershire. drove and pulled confidently.

Heavy rain as the players went against both seam and spin and further play at Fenner's yesterday. Cambridge University by off for lunch prevented any further play at Fenner's yesterday. Cambridge University by then were making respectable progress through their own efforts cowards the draw which was all there was left for them to obtain from the match. By the time pudding was served there were already pools of water forming on the pitch and by coffee a restart was clearly out of the

question.

The official abandownent came shortly after 3 o'clock, a disappointing finish after attractive batting for most of the morning by Parker and Fosh had helped out the gold and record and re by Parker and Fosh had heiped put the cold and gloomy outlook from the mind. These two by lunch had added 116 together in 39 overs against six different bowlers tried by Leicestershire. Illingworth did not bowl himself and Ward was off the field with a stomer houself.

Cambridge, who began at 66 for two, still needing 117 runs to make Leicestershire but again, fost Coverdale after half an hour when he was bowled trying to force a stort ball away on the back foot. Fosh, whose only previous first class match was for Essex on this ground last year, then played in a subdued but correct manner while Parker provided the spectacle.

likely to be maintained Three fours against Shuttleworthover from an off thrive, hook and a pull, gave him nine fours in his

Parker had hit 15 boundaries by lunchtime Fosh, a tall, stronglooking left-hander, pulled Higgs for one huge six over midwicker sportly before the interval. One way and another the lost afternoon was irritating in the context that It is always acceptable these days to see promising young university batsmen making runs well against established county bowlers.

Retreat to pastures new

By Alan Gibson OXFORD: Oxford University arew with Worcestershire
There was less than a quarter
of an hour's play in the Parks
yesterday. Soon after 11 am the
rains descended, and in the afternoon the floods came. The
cricketers took an early lunch and
called it off at 1:30.
Worcestershire had scored four
more runs and lost a wicket. I
must be honest and admit the only
ball I saw bowled was the last
one (more trouble at Didcot) and
the weather was so conclusively
ylun that I cetired to the pastures,
the pastures of the Lamb and Flag, glum that I retired to the pastures, the pastures of the Lamb and Flag, and then to the Randolph. I had some slight difficulty getting into the Randolph because "rent a picket" or some such an organization, made feeble moves to prevent the. There is some sort of strike going on. The hotel is functioning normally so far as I could see.

Oxford in pouring rain loses much of its beauty. Cambridge sometimes gains in looks by bad weather, but then it is more used to it, in that East Anglian swamp, and its stones are sounder. Oxford in the rain. It is 30 years

Total +6 wkts) | TALL OF WICKETS: 1-5 | -52, 4-127, 5-173, 6-183

5-52 4-127 5-175 5-182
BOWLING: Gurr. 20-7-21
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Umpires: J. G. Längridge and T. Wilson. Kent must

Australians try out the new men

The Australian selectors Greg Chappell, Marsh and Walters, bave decided to play all the newcomers in the opening match at Arundel today against the Duchess of Nor-folk's XI. Although Chappell will lead the side Walters, who is on his fourth tour, of England, and Marsh, mak-

nour of England, and Marsh, makhis third trip, will share the 12th
man dudes. Thomson, Walker
and O'Keeffe, who have wide experience of English conditions, will
also miss the 45 over match.
This leaves the spotlight firmly
on the new batsmen Hughes, Serjeant and Hookes, who was so
impressive in the Centenary Test impressive in the Centenary Test and the new fast bowlers Pascoe

The traditionally slow-paced pitch at Arundel should provide easier batting conditions than the Australians enjoyed in their final practice period at Lord's Although Thomson was never flat out Pascoe and Malone both worked up a good pace as did the left arm fast medium bowler

Dymock.

The Duchess of Norfolk's side will be led by the England captain, Tony Greig, who made 96 in the corresponding match in 1972, when the Australians were beaten by 28 There are no changes in the side

announced last week. Woolmer is due to play his first game of the season after recovering from glan-dular fever. The hours of play are from noon to 6.30 pm. DUCHESS OF NORFOLK'S XI: DUCHESS OF NORFOLK'S XI-R. A. Woolmer (Kent), P. Willey (Northamptonshire), D. W. Randail (Northamptonshire), J. Barclay (Sussex), M. C. Cowdrey (Kent), M. J. K. Smith (Warwickstire), A. W. Greig (Sussex, captain), P. H. Edmonds (Middlesex), J. T. Murray (Middlesex), C. M. Old (Yorkshire), J. K. Lever (Essex).

Old (Yorkshire), J. K. Lever (Essex). AUSTRALIANS: I. C. Davis, K. J. Hughes, C. S. Serjeant, G. J. Cosier, D. W. Hookes, G. S. Chap-pell (capmain), R. D. Robinson, M. F. Malone, R. J. Bright, L. S. Pascoe, G. Dymock.

wait for Julien

Kent have solved the mystery of their missing West Indian all-tounder Bernard Julien. He is still in Trimidad. The manager, Colin Page, spoke to Julien by telephone yesterday and discovered that the player had not reported back last week because he had been injured in an accident. He had a badly cuthand which needed several hand which needed several stitches.

Page said: "He apparently had-to have treatment in hospital. He is anxious to get back to Kem and could be fit to travel at the week-

end.
"I am glad I have made contact."

"I am glad I have made contact." with him and delighted that he will soon be batk." Colin Croft, Lancashire's new pace bowler, will make his first appearance for the county on Saturday in their Benson and Hedges match with Gloucestershire at Old Trafford, Croft reported to Old Trafford yesterday where he was introduced by the West Indics captain Clive Lloyd to his new team colleagues. Croft was recommended to Lancashire by Lloyd and he said: 'I wastu's sure about coming when Clive first mentioned. coming when Clive first mentioned it to me. But he convinced me that it would do my cricket non-

that it would go my ing but good."
Freddie Trueman has chosen Glamorgan as the Benson and Hedges team of the week after their 92-run victory over Warrickschire at Edgboston. "Hampshire and shire at Edgbaston. "Hampshire. did well in beating Laucashire and Sussex turned in a hard intibes, sharp bowling performance." Trueman said. "But for my money it was Glamorgan who deserved.

the award. "The 1325 channe will
be presented to the Glamorgan
captain, Alan Iones, at their Renson and Hedges fixture against
Minor Counties West at Amersham

Today's cricket ARUNDEL: Lavinla. Duchess of Noricle
XI v Austrollans (22.0)
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SECOND XI COMPETITION
BRISTOL: Glourestershire if v Warcestorshire II
HORSHAM: Sussex II v Surrey II

Winning start for two young players Martin Robinson, of Bolton, and Jonathan Smith, of Exeter, two 21-year-olds anxious to progress through Britain's tennis ranking

list, made winning first tournament appearances of the season in the hard court championships sponsored by Persod, at Paddington, London yesterday. Robinson who slipped to tenth

place after an indifferent season last year, conceded only one game to Graham Manuerings of Middle-Two seeded players were beaten

Dale Collings, the No 3, lost 6—2, 6—4 against another Australlan and doubles partner Geoffrey Hutchinson, and Christopher Kaskow, seeded 14th crashed 6—2, 7—5—8 Market 200 of Australian 7-5 to Victor Eve of Australia.

Murray takes lead of one stroke

Ewen Murray, the 22-year-old Walton Heath tournament professional, who won £2,000 on the African circuit this winter, took a one-stroke lead in the Northern Open golf championship, sponsored by Clydesdale Bank, with a first round 73 at Royal Dornoch, vesterday.

hirst round is at Koym portured yesterday.

A strong wind made five Roles on the inward half out of range of two shots, but Murray boled from 12 feet on the last green for a par and covered the back nine in 39. Murray's nearest chillianuary were Roman Dole. Angus mile in 39. Murray's hearest chan-lengers were Renton Doig. Angus Mackay and Colin Mackay. David Chillas. incurred a two-stroke penalty at the ninth for glaying the wrong ball in a round of 71. and the former champion, Harry Bannerman, no kseven at the short 10th, fluffing three shots 75 J. E. Murrar Willia Health, 71. R. Doig Klimarchus A. Mackay (Unall): C. R. Mackay (Amster-dam)

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No wandering from The Minstrel

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent
It has long been my contention
that Vincent O'Brien and Lester
Piggott will win the 2,000 Guineas
at Newmarket today with The
Minstrel, who won the Dewhurst
Stakes on the course last autumn.
Nothing that has happened thus
spring has caused me to have a
change of heart. O'Brien and
Piggott won this classic in 1968
with Sir Ivor and again two years
later with Nijinsky and although
The Minstrel is probably nut as
talented as either of those two
great rateborses he still looks
good enough to win this aftertool.

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Murray takes

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on he good ground that he will encounter at Newmarker today. At Ascot The Minstrel beat Gairloch comfortably and after J. O. Tobia, Gairloch was the highestated two-year-old in our Free Handicap trained in England.

Gairloch's Jockey, Brian Taylor. remarked that day that only good houses would have quickened the way that The Minstrel and Gair-

loch did in the straight. Together they went clean away from their rivals and that in firself was an encouraging sign. Taylor is consinted that Gairloch will beat The Minstrel this time, but knowing how well and how forward The Minstrel is I cannot share his optimism.

Today The Minstrel and Gairloch are drawn on opposite sides of the course: The Ministrel at 18 which is right over on the far side; Gairloch at four which is right our which is right in the circumstances the stand rall

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ready for a bumper harvest By Michael Seely

Oats looks

By Michael Seely

Peter Walwyn and Pat Eddery
swung into peak form at Newmarket yesterday when capturing
the group III Jockey Club Stakes
with Oats and the Ely Handicap
with Mar Creig. In a desperate
battle throughout the last three
furiongs, Oats just managed to
hold at bay the sustained
challenge of Smuggler to beat him
by half a length with Rheffissimo
three lengths away, third.
Oats and Smuggler have always
been virtually equal. Yesterday
Oats's superior fitness allied to
the fact that Smuggler was unsuited by the slightly softened
ground probably just tipped the
scales in Oats's favour.

Only on Sunday I wrote that

Only on Sunday I wrote that O'Brien's horses were jumping out of their skins, but I have never seen an animal on better terms with himself or more perfectly trained than Oats was yesterday. Last year's Derby third has thickened out and strengthened and looks sure to have a successful season in from of him.

Dick Hern immediately confirmed the Coronaton Cup at Epsom as Smuggler's next objective. Walsyn, however, is undecided about Oats. Either the Ormonde Stakes at Chester or the Yorkshire Cup are possible targets for Oats. Neither the trainer nor the jockey are convinced that the colt stays further than one and a colt stays further than one and a

In last year's St Leger, Oars appeared to be going as well as any horse except for Crow two furlongs from home. His stamina gave out in the last 100 yards and gave out in the last 100 yards and he was worried out of third place by Scallywag. If Chester or York are decided against, the 12-furlong Prix Jean de Chaudenay at St. Cloud ou May 30 could be a suitable alternative.

As far as the Coronation Cup is concerned, the Seven Barrows trainer is naturally keeping his options open, with Vitiges and Orange Bay waiting in the wings. Vitiges was found to be off colour after his lack-lustre display in the

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Oats holds off the persistent challenge of Smuggler in the Jockey Club Stakes.

like the ability that won him the Champion Stakes. Luca Cumani also announced Epsom's prestige event as Rheffissimo's next objective. On the face of it Rheffissimo, whose six victories from as many starts in Spain last year, included a defeat of Red Regent at San Sebastien, stole the honours of the race as the French-bred was conceding 71b to bo' the first and second. But Rheff simo was backed down from 20-1 to 10-1 yesterday and consid ring that he looked pretty straight in condition in the pad-Vitiges was found to be off colour after his lack-lustre display in the Earl of Sefton Stakes, but next time out he should show something disturbed by the poor showing of

Malmowski, who after drifting to 9-2 in the market, finished a well-beaten fifth. Lester Piggott told the Irish trainer that Malmowski failed to stay the distance. O'Brien is still convinced that if The Minstrel and Cloonlara can reproduce their homework on the raccourse, they are going to take all first two classics.

The most excluding finish of the day came in the opening race of the afternoon when Brian Taylor.

Newmarket programme

[Television (IBA): 2.30, 3.5 and 3.40 races] 20 SPRING STAKES (2-y-o maidens: £1,282:5f)

230 HUGH GORTON HANDICAP (£1,219 : 1m)

201 010-200 Peranta (C. Allon), W. Marshall, 5-10-0 T. Heeney 5 4 202 3420-40 Chep-Chep (C-D) (M. Old), C. Bensterd, 4-4 203 3411-30 Dombly Hopeful (D) (Cheveley Park Stud). B. Lunness. 1-9-0
204 Pat Hand (C.D) (J. Hindley), Hundley, 6-8-13 . J. Mail 9 1
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207 10002- Misser Rushton (Mrs. D. Wells-Kendrew). P. Robinson, 5-7.7 210 200-0 Pikey (D) (Mrs R. Grahamı, W. Stephenson, 6-7-7 G. Smith 5 211 0400-00 Ascat Royale (D) (R. Mason, Mason, 6-7-7 N. Brannick 5 94 Thember Branch 1 2 7 Co. 1 Doubly Hopeful, 3-1 Chop-Chop, 11-2 Yeoman, 6-1 Pat Hand, 7-1 on, 10-1 Gur Amir, 12-1 Peranka, 14-1 Ascot Royale, 20-1 Pikey.

3.5 2,000 GUINEAS STAKES (3-y-o: £45,232: 1m)

Newmarket results

20 (2.6) WILBRAHAM STAKES (3-y-o: maidens: £1,355: 5f:

ALSO BAN: 5-1 Aggrapha (4h), 5-1 hatter, 14-1 True Target, 16-1 Lobia Phileton, 20-1 Criviline Usir-land Song, Jawharn, 25-1 Singing Away, 35-1 Ballies Miss, 13 ran.

2.30 (2.34) ELY HANDICAP (3-y-o: £2,096; 6f)

Greig, ch c, by Habital— Canana (H. Keswick). 9-8 P. Eddety (6-1)

Self Portrait

W. Carson (100-30 (av.) 2

Bount Diver ... L. Piggott (6-1) 3

LISO RAN: 4-1 Bodensee, 8-1 Crim-Silk 10-1 King Crocsus, 12-1 lam kell 14-1 Firemalden, 13-1 ht of Light, On Your Knees (4th).

v run. 107E: Win. 78p: places, 28p. 15p. fg; that forecast, £2.66. P. Walwyn. Lambourn, Nk. 41. 1min 13.79sec.

3.5 (3.7) JOCKEY CLUB STAKES (28.487: 13m)

OTE: Win. 65p; places, 18p, 14p, J. Winter, at Newmarkel, Sh hd. Imb 01.44sec. Oscillaht did not

Araby, ch f. by Sweet Revenge—Seltan's Slipper (Mrs C. Philipmin) 8-11 ... B. Taylor (9-2) 1-15 Corps Corps ... L. Piggott (7-2 fav. G. Lewis (5-1)

3.40 PALACE HOUSE STAKES (£8,165: 5f) 101 100010- Centificantra (D) (J. Muirelli, N. Overtown (C-B) (Sir H. Calley), R. Turnell, 5-9-3 W. Carson 37 Three Legs (D) (Dr M. Bolfa), L. Canani, 5-9-3 P. Eddery 3 Rundontwalk (D) (S. Romanu), G. Richards, 4-9-0 J. Mercke 10 Raga Nevarro (Andre Sen Lessin), T. Boutin, 5-9-6 409 71100-0 Cawston's Clown (D) (J. Pilliton, N. L. Piggott 6
410 1003-04 Sida Beep (D) (O. Zawawii, B. Hanbury, 4-8-7, Raymond 12
412 300-211 Goldhills Pride (D) (H. Ford), T. Craig, 3-7-12 K. Leason 7
413 00130-4 Laitest Model (Shrs M. Clark), R. Pracock, 3-7-12 K. Johnson 8
414 0020-00 Dancing Song (B) (Mrs K. Richardson', C. Brillain, 5-7-8, Fox 9 15 0390-12 Immatation (D.B) (A. Richards), D. Hanley, 5-7-9 D McKey

4.10 TURN OF THE LANDS HANDICAP (£1,632: 11m) 505 41147-3 Young Pip (C-D) ID. Robinson I, M. Jarvis, 500 00300-0 Take Aim (J. W. Watts), Watts, 2-7-9. T. McKeown 6
510 144-234 Prince Henham (C-D) (R. Ellice), N. Calladan, 4-7-7
511 000013- Fransh (D) (Mrs P. Lunness), B. Lunness, 4-7-7, D. McKay 10
3-1 Young Pip, 4-1 Prince Henham, 6-2 Prince of Light, 5-1 Oriental Star, 13-2 Bombardler, R-1 Sanguine, 10-1 The Hand, Semper Nova, 14-1 Bright Decision, 16-1 others.



D412-31 Big Clive (B) (C. Ransom), M. Marson, 4-7-7 H. Ballantin 5 8 4032-33 Nation Wide (D) (H. Wrage), Wrage, 4-7-7 H. S. Parr 7 3 1 The Proddler (D) (Lord Bollon), J. W. Watts, S. 7-7 J. Lowe 1 11-4 Nation Wide, 7-2 The Froddler, 5-1 Cavaller's Blush, 7-1 Big Clive, 9-1 Todor Grown, 10-1 Recolling, 12-1 Chance Belle, 14-1 Recol Dutch.

Newmarket selections

2.0 Tumbledownwind. 2.30 Chop-Chop. 3.5 THE MINSTREL is specially recommended. 3.40 Three Legs. 4.10 Semper Nova. 4.40 Dunfermline. 5.10 Nationwide.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent 2.0 Tumbledownwind. 2.30 Mister Rushton. 3.5 Tachypous. 3.40 Three Legs. 4.10 Oriental Star. 4.40 Bower Bird. 5.10 Cavallers Blush.

Segal, 12-1 Belle-ot-Vita, Sun Lamp, 3-1 Lenwade Lady, Sassantian Queen, Shriv Stop, Troasure Seeker, 16-1 Landbulld Lady, 30-1 Forage Lass, Frinley's One Oak, GRiyarope, Lass, Melody, Rebecta Mald 14th; 19 fan, TOTE WIN, 21 66; placed, 51p, 18p, 49p, H. Candy, Wantage, 104, 1 al. 2.30 (3.30) BAGTHORPE STAKES (2.4-c): £18: 5f: Gold FormeSee Baby (J. Hardy), R-11
See Baby (J. Hardy), R-11
Jay Mark ... R. Marshall (7-2) 2
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ALSO RAN: 9-4 Mary Splendid, 4

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TOTE: Win, 20:: piaces, 20p. 11n. torecast, 50p. R. Boss, at Newmarket. 21,1 31. Imin 5.18sec. 730. TOTE WIN, 23p: forecast: £2.34. J. Hardy, Smorton, 1), 71. 4.40 (4.51) CULFORD STAKES (3-y-0; £2,004: 11₃m) #2,004 13m)

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Lady Beaverbrook). 5-0

W. Carson (11-4 fay)

Never Lit Up . B. Taylor (11-2)

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ALSO RAN: 7-2 Meadow Bridge (1th: 11-1 Bold Aura, 12-1 LaGarde, 13-1; Den Amigo, 20-1 Faccia. D'Angelo, Eirvan Star, 25-1 Overtook, No Silver, 33-1 Mahogany, Seagas, Shandrethan, Spanish Armada, My Cousins, Naughty B. Sarsa, Watchful. TOTE: Win, 35p; places, 19p. 25p. 15p. W. Hern, at West fishey, 5l. 8f, 2min 38.65sec. 5.0 NEWMARKET CHALLENGE WHIP, 3.30 (3.37) FOREST HANDICA (5-y-o: £804: lm of)

(2m)
Mossy Stone, b c. by Leynose
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4-9-4
WALKED OVER
J. Nelson, at Upper Lambourn. TOTE DOUBLE: Oats and Emboss. 25.45. JACKPOT: STILOS (paid on all five legs). Today's guaranteed pool. 63.000.

TOTE: Win, \$4p; places, \$5p, \$7p; forecast, £8.53. C. Britisin, New-market. 'al. 1'al. 1min 28.87sec.

4.10 (4.12) CHEVINGTON STAKES (2-y-o: £1,230: 5f)

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(2-y-o maidens: £781: 54)
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Phylico . M. L. Thomas (12-1) 3 ALSO RAN: 13-2 Carnoth Wall. 10-1 Chem-Ol Bazzar, Des or Mais.

Red Bendel, 37-1 Washington Grey, 11 ran, TOTE: Win, 54p; places, 24p, 19p, 27p, M. Haynes, Epsona, NR, nk. Musical Piece withdrawn not under orders. 4.30 (4.36) FLYING HORSE STAKES (Middens' 3-9-0, 2453-11-in) Privy Consort, b. c. by Prince Consort—Sweet Councillor (Mrs. P. Barratti, 9-0 aori—Sweet Conneillor Mrs P.
Barraltt, 9-0

M. Birch (B-1) 1

Mount Polis, E. Eldre 19-3 R Lav 2

Cerrard's Cross, F. Morbe (B-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-2 R fav Palaves 6-1

Showboard (4th), 7-1 General George, 10-1 Abyssinia, 11-1 Kanstyle, 16-1

Moricert, 20-1 Caputatas Glory, Gull of Corinth, 20-1 O'Henry, Solertic, 33-1

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TOTE DOUBLE Snow 31ar and Peier Culter, 284, 25, TREBLE: Gold Frame, Den't Touch and Privy Consert.

Plumpton

2.35: 1. Paridenam (3-1); 2. Glanfield (4-1); 3. Aureleate (5-2 fav., 13 fan. 2.45: 1. Don Fezerd (10-1): 2. Isotip (6-4 fav): 3. Hill Fty (11-4): 10 Fan. 5.15: 1. Old Smokey (11-8 fav); 2. Alry Fatry (5-2); 3. King Gips (8-1), 13 ran. 3.45; 1. Artec Star (4-1); 2. Casllegay (4-1); 3. September Rain (5-1). 10 ran. French Society did not 4.15; 1. Andrew (8-1); 2. Kings Champion (4-1); 3. Tudor Mysters (20-1), 10 ran. 6.15; 1. Bevan Express 15-2 fav: 2 Hill Point 19-3; 3. Master Ribot 15-1). 12 ran. Cedres did not run. TOTE DOUBLE: £14.45. Trebie: £57.20. Briggrammer. H. Bellantine (11-2) 3
ALSO RAN 11-2 Haberdasher, 6-1
Clear Melody, Scalette, 8-1 Port Royal,
Red Lever, 15-1 First Bend (4th), 25-1

Catterick Bridge programme

2.15 JOCKEY CAP STAKES (3-y-o: £309: 1m 7f 180yds) 2.45 SEDBURY MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-y-o maidens:

3.15 SPRING HANDICAP (£693: 6f)

Kelso NH

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DOS Jamies Star. 6-12-7

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DOS JOHNEL 6-12-OUU Debs Silver, 4-11-8 Mrs Eubani: 100 Lucknow, 4-11-8 Mrs V. Smith 7 100 Lucknow, 4-11-8 Mr Candali 5 9-4 Johnedo, 5-1 Our Prince, 9-2 Rorder Brief, 6-1 Changing World, 10-1 Alranis Flyer, 12-1 Korvata Minus. Nover A Butk, 30-1 others. 3.0 HADDINGTON STEEPLE-

CHASE (£694: 3m)

000 Omno, 8-11-7 ... Mr Greenall

221 Grever Prince, 9-11-5 T. black

1011 Scrarell, 14-11-5 ... C. Tinkie

1021 Little Swint, 7-10-0 A. Dickman

5-3 Clever Prince, 7-4 Scrafell, 4-1

Omno, 10-1 Little Shadow. 3.30 KINGS STEEPLECHASE

(£862 : 3m)

412 Bar Rize, 8-13-7 Mr Love 7

112 Border Brig, 5-12-7 Mr Craggs 5

101 Byzantum, 7-12-7 Mr Greenalt

400 Drumbo, 9-12-7 Mr Greenalt

1 Baragne, 7-12-3 Mr Gundelt 5

200 Claterbuy 6 Cross, fr W Brown 7

35-1 Cool Thrust, 8-12-4 Mr Walton

100 Knight Vallant, 6-12-4 Mr Walton

101 Cr Course, 8-12-4 Mr Walton

102 Cr Course, 8-12-4 Mr Walton

103 Cr Course, 8-12-4 Mr Walton

104 Scalby Cresta, 8-12-4 Mr Walton

105 Course, 8-12-4 Mr Walton

105 Course, 8-12-4 Mr Walton

106 Scalby Cresta, 8-12-4 Mr Walton

107 Bailty Jewel, 8-12-0 Mr J. Mackle 7

32-0 Qutlaric, 8-12-0 Mr J. Mackle 7

35-1 Hoyal Albi, 10-12-1 J. Mrckle 7

7-2 Byzantum, 4-1 Rar Raze, 6-2 3.55 Hoyal Albi, 10-12-0 — 7-2 Byvantium 3-1 Bar Raze, 9-2 Border Brig, 11-2 Cool Thrust, 7-1 Barunne, 8-1 Of Course, 10-1 Roval Albit, 14-1 Kright Valland, 20-1 others. 4.0 ROXBURGHE HURDLE (£517 : 2m) (251/: 2m)
000 Paint Job, 6-11-5 ... T. Suck
002 Braw Lad, 8-11-0 ... D. Nolan
001 Everyholt, 5-10-R ... J. O'Nelli
0-po Jisks Farewell, 8-10-7
000 Ademdo, 4-10-2 ... R. Callins 5
000 Ademdo, 4-10-2 ... R. Callins 5
000 St Tryst, 5-10-1 ... D. Attins
10m John McNab, 5-10-1 A. Webb 7
007 Hamilton Lad, 1-10-0 C. Hawkins
und Projuns Choice, 8-10-0 G. Rolmes

0-1 Braw Lat 100-30 Eversholt, 9-2 Hamilton Lad, 11-2 St Tryst, 8-1 Paint Job, 10-1 Adamio, 20-1 others. 2.30 HUME HURDLE (£305: 4.30 MELLERSTAIN STEEPLE. CHASE (2505: 2m 196yd) 017 Old Vince, 8-12-7 R. Lamb 044 Angus McLavish, 11-11-7 044 Angus McLavish, 11-11-7

p00 Capper City, "-11-7 Mr Sample 7

p00 Capper City, "-11-7 Mr V-siton

521 Ses Urchin, 7-11-7 Y Slack

542 Tumbeleena, 9-11-7 Mr Dun 7

150 Royal tilli, "-11-0 K Gray

112 Carrebraer, 3-10-7 P Blacker 7-1 Sea Urbin, 5-2 Old Vince, 4-1 Tubeleens, 5-2 Carabinier, 15-2 Angus Mctavish, 16-1 others. 5.0 SUNLAWS HURDLE (4y-o: £340 : 2m)

O: 2m)
Allerdale, 10-12 . J Gruiding 7
Alphox, 10-12 . R. Lamb
Railbec, 10-12 . Mr Mackle 7
Chenney Gri 10-12 J Mooney S
Coral King, 10-12 T Slack
Howkey Hill. 10-12 T Slack
Howkey Hill. 10-12 J. MacDougall 5 Hench 1078M, 10-12 T. Slack
Howkey Hill, 10-12 T. Slack
Howkey Hill, 10-12 T. Blacker,
fru Huntercombe L.d., 10-12 I. Blacker,
642 firsh Prince, 10-12 P. P. Blacker,
645 King Reitz, 16-12 C. Blacker,
646 King's News, 10-12 Mr J. Walton
Ludo's Lad, 46-12 J. Bourke,
547 Mactavish, 10-12 Mr J. Walton
648 Mactavish, 10-12 Mr Foster,
649 Melanna, 10-12 Mr Foster,
649 Ranning Deep, 10-12 Mr Crangs 5
650 Viver, 10-12 Mr Crangs
655 Viver, 10-12 Mr Crangs
655 Viver, 10-13 Mr Town,
641 Viver, 10-13 Mactavish, 10-1 Megaphone, King Reav, 12-1 Narok, 20-1 phone. King Reav. 12-1 research OURELSO SELECTIONS: 2.50 Chang-ing World: 3.0 Searlell: 3.50 Border Brig: 4.0 Eversholl: 4.50 Sea Urthin: 5.0 French Tyrant.

Cheltenham NH 5.30 CLIVE HUNTERS' STEEPLECHASE (£583 : 3m 1f) STEEPLECHASE (£583: 3m 1f)

Op3 Just Looking, 12-12-7

p- Bowkina, 13-12-2 Mr Williams 7

pp Bookle's Opinion, 11-12-2

Green for Go, 11-12-2 Mr Milliams 7

Green for Go, 11-12-2 Mr Mana 7

W Babby, 7-12-2 Mr Johnson 7

p3f Portway Picadeo, 9-12-3

W Rowen 7

4 *Rock County, 10-12-2 Mr Maris 7

Sampson Brass, 12-12-2 Mr Maris 7

Sampson Brass, 12-12-2 Mr Milliams 7

Skittles, R-12-2 Mr Milliams 7

Skittles, R-12-2 Mr Williams 7

705 The Prou: 9-12-2 Mr Everts 7

504 Underhull, 7-12-2 Mr Everts 7

7-2 The Trout, 4-1 Indian Red, 5-1 Underhull, 7-1 Randy Brandy, 9-1

pli Toscason, 9-12-0 Mr Maundrell 7 Mr Holland-Martin 11-8 Long Lane, 4-1 Lord Forlune, 17-2 Horoscope, 9-1 Toscason, 12-1 Rudge Hill, Jim Lad, 16-1 Rayardo. 635 VALE OF EVESHAM STEEPLECHASE (£665: 2\m) STEEPLECHASE (1665: 23M)
100 Beau Hawke, 7-12-0
p20 Caltado, 9-12-0 ... Mr Licevellin 7
2p3 Chatham, 13-12-0 ... Mrs Lav 7
2p3 Chatham, 13-12-0 ... Mrs Dole 7
211 Parringan III, 11-12-0
-p2f Smito Smaggins, 12-12-0
Mr Sianri-Huni 5
403 Tarian Siave, 10-12-0
100 True Luck, 10-12-0
110 True Luck, 10-12-0
110 Brown 7 100 True Luck, 20-12-0 Mr Brown 7
111 Spartan Missile, Mr Brookshow 7
111 Spartan Missile, Mr Brookshow 7
3-1 Party Line, 7-2 Spartan Missile, 11-2 Scan Hawke, 13-2 True Luck, 8-1 Smitho Smagains, 10-1 Parmigan II, 13-1 Tartan Sigve, 20-1 others. 7.10 GOLDEN HARVEST STEEPLECHASE (£639: 4m)

STEEPLECHASE (£639: 4m)
10-0 Lucky Edgar, 12-12-7
11-13 Capetena, 9-12-10 to Uniswater 7
10-11 Vodka Cup, 11-12-2 Mr Bown 7
10-10 Vodka Cup, 11-12-2 Mr Bown 7
10-10 Cross Cotomst, 9-12-0
10-10 Charley River, 12-12-0 Mr Scott 7
10-10 Donnett, 7-12-0 Mr Scott 7
10-10 Donnett, 7-12-0 Mr Scott 7
10-10 First Schmitten 7
10-10 Just the Job, 12-12-0 Mr Bush 5
11-4 Just the Job, 7-2 Capetena, 5-1 CFLASE (£500: 2m) 1-05 His Last (D., 9-12-7 Mr Weston 7
1-05 His Last (D., 9-12-7 Mr Weston 7
0 Buldaro, 6-12-0 ... Mr Bernie 7
00 Brother Scot, 11-12-0
100- Brother Scot, 11-12-0
Flectwood, 6-12-0 Mr Perkins 7

The most excling finish of the day came in the opening race of the afternoon when Brian Taylor drove Mrs Christo Philipson's Araby past Press Corps and Azucena in the final strides of the Wilbraham Maiden Stakes.

John Winter had funcied Araby in win at the Craven Meeding.

3.45 RICHMOND STAKES (2-y-o : £689 : 5f) Brianston Zipper (D), J. Harris, 4-4.
A'Chailleach, G. Wallace, W-11
Exiled Prince, E. Coving yood, 8-11
Gold Fibre, M. H. Easterby, 8-11
L. O. Harry, R. Hoffinshead, 8-11
Pure Purple, T. Falrhurs, 8-11
Royal Jaunt, E. Witmes, 8-11
Royal Jaunt, E. Witmes, 8-11
Shipowner, Denys Smith, 8-11

4.15 BRIDGE HANDICAP (£647 : 11m 40yds)

4.45 HURGILL LODGE STAKES (3-v-o: £581: 11m 40 vds)

C00-1 Raise You. L. Shedden, 9-1 G. Eccresion C-1 Saliciath, W. Hastings-Bass, 9-7 J. J. College Brief, N. Adam, 8-1 A. Bond C00-00 Bayla (B.) D. Wilsams, 8-7 B. Hedfry C020-0 Far Hire, G. Toft, 8-7 G. G. Gruy College Brief, N. Adam, 8-4 M. Ket, & M. Ket,

Catterick Bridge selections

By Our Racing Start 2.15 Little Gadge. 2.45 CHAIN LADY is specially recommended. 3.15 Avon Royale. 3.45 Exiled Prince. 4.15 Dred Scott. 4.45 Sailcloth. By Our Newmarket Correspondent 2.45 Pegs Promise. 3.15 Avon Royale. 3.45 Be Friends. 4.45 Sailcloth.

Sampson Brass, 10-1 Just Looking, 12-1 Bookle's Opinion, 16-1 others.

6.0 UNITED HUNTS' STEEPLE.

CHASE (£1,169: 34m)

12-12-0 Mrs. White 7

Brother Scot. 20-1 others.

11-4 Just the Job. 7-2 Capriena, 3-1 Cross Cokonist, 13-2 Vodka Cup. 8-1 Lucky Edgar, 10-1 Donneil, 12-1 Curiew River, 16-1 others. 7.45 OVERBURY STEEPLEpil Abercromble, 8-12-7 Mr Greenall -51p Europleasare (C-D), 9-12-7

8.15 BRAMLEY STEEPLE-CHASE (Maiden hunters: £708: 2;m) Green Art VI. 11-12-01 Harris 7
Irish Brandy, B-12-0 Mr Bush 5
Ken'lworth, 11-12-0 Mrs Wellon 7
Kinguni, S-12-0 Mr Prichard 7
Kinguni, S-12-0 Mr Prichard 7
Kildee, V-12-0 Mr Edmunds 7
Kildee, V-12-0 Mr Edmunds 7
Kildee, Wayn, B-12-0 Mr Edmunds 7
Lindon Lind, G-12-10
Lord Langion, 12-12-0
Mincula G-12-13-10-0
Mincula G-12-13-0
Mincula G-13-13-0
Mincula G-13-13-0 0 Satalls, 6-12-0 ... Mr Tale ptG Shawbury Park, 8-12-0 Mr Bryan Pritchard p-pU Tsu Hal R-12-0 Mr Pritchard 7
Wider, 11-12-0 ... Mr Edwards 7
130 What 7-12-0 ... Mr Edwards 7
1-pf Windfall VI, 9-12-0 Miss Thorne 7
3-1 Kilder 4-1 Prave Money, 3-1
Green Art VI, 6-1 Litch Brandy, 8-1
Krallworth, 16-1 Rob Gasche, Mingold,
14-1 What, 16-1 others.
Doubtful runner.

CHELTENHAM SELECTIONS: 5.30 The Trout: 6.0 Long Lone, n.77 Smilbo Smaggins: 7.10 Carciena: 7.35 His Last: B.15 Brave Money. Teesside Park

2.0: 1. Ten-N-Tate : 16-1: 2. Veq Yes Yes (100-30: 5. Alcock, 5-1 fax, 1.7 ran Low Profile : 20-1: 2. Trim Low Profile : 20-1: 2. Trim Low Profile : 2. Henced 2.30: 1. Low Profile (20-1): 2. His-series 1-1 (av. 2. His-series) 1-2 (av. 2. Homingway 1-2 (av. 2. Homingway 1-2 (av. 2. Homingway 1-2 (av. 2. His-series) 1-2 (av. 2. Homingway 1-2 (av. 2. His-series) 1-2 (av. 2. His-ser Aut. 180 Mingo (16-1): 2. Moai. Hero (72 fav): 5 The Radge Cadge (12-1): 5. The Radge Cadge (12-1): 4. Theorem (11-10 fav): 2. Lasobany (9-1): 3. New City (10-1): 20 Fan.

Rugby Union

Lancashire make changes for Under-23 match

The county champions Lancashire are forced to make four changes from their title-winning side for today's match against England Under-23 at Orrell. Gullick, a full back, and Lyon, a centre (both Orrell), are injured and are replaced by O'Brien (Broughton Park) and Shorrock (Fylde). The other centre, Bond (Broughton Park), is in the England side, as is the scrum half Carfoot (Waterloo). Their deputies the county of the surfer being sent off at Nunearon on March (Broughton Park), is in the England side, as is the scrum half Carfoot (Waterloo). Their deputies the county of the surfer bisched by the Surfer Disch (Broughton Park), is in the England side, as is the scrum half Carfoot (Waterloo). Their deputies for the christopherson (Waterloo) and Weir (Fylde). Slemen and the no 8 Connor will have late fitness tests.

Alex Newberry, the London Irish prop, has been suspended for 16 months by the Surrey Disch for 18 mo

Gymnastics

British team at full strength

the fine-up will be: Inn Meace, the Bridsh overall champion, from Coventry; Tom Wilson, the Daily Mirror Champions Cup helder, from Hendon; Eddie Arnold, the bronze medalist in the British

British senior men's gymnastics team to meet Switzerland at Woking Leisure Centre, Surrey, on Saurday, will be ar full strength.

The line-up will be: Ian Ncale, the British overall champion, from Coventry; Tom Wilson, the Daily Mirror Champions Cup helder. Thom Hendon; Eddie Arnold, the British junior champion, from thom Hendon; Eddie Arnold, the British junior champion, from Luton.

Skiing

Trophies for all three Alpine events

4 0 (4.2) EASTWOOD HANDICAP 16916: GP b. by Sty (ilpsy—Glosming (Mrs E. Jack-ptan): S-8-4 8, lang (9-2 by) 1

gian;, 5-6-4 B. Jago (9-2 fav) Zipperd-Doo-Dah, D., Gullon (9-1) Briarvanier. H. Bellantine (11-2)

San Carlos de Barlloche, Argentina, April 25.—In a move to avoid unfair awards, the International Ski Federation (FIS) has decided to award trophies to the winners of the three Alpine specialities in the World Cup competition.

On the eve on the three-day FIS congress at this southern Argentina mountain resort, the World Cup committee agreed yesterday that instead of receiving medals, the winners of ach speciality should be presented with a cup. The World Cup, for the leading points scorer overall, will still be awarded.

awarded.
Serge Lange, chairman of the World Cup committee, told the meeting that the Austrian, Franz Klammer, the 1976 Olympic downhill champion, was by far the best skier in the world, but because he did not specialize in the slalom he had missed out in gaining the world cup.

The committee rejected a proposal to include in the World Cup event a parallel slalom compecition.

Equestrianism

Impressive young German has fewer faults

Rome, April 25.—Hendrik going into the second to decide Schultze-Siehoff, 24, of West Gerthe winner. many, rode Sarto to an impressive victory in the Rome Grand Prix at the international horse show today. Schultze-Siehoff, a former member of the German junior team and now an op-and-coming addition to the senior team, had two and three-quarters faults and a time of 50.4 sec to beat the Irishman, Eddy Macken, a silver medal winner in the 1974 world championships, into second place. Macken, on Kerry Gold, had the fast time of 43.1 but incurred four faults. The event was over two rounds with the 14 best placed horses

LAS VEGAS: J. S. Connors bear
O. Bengtson (Sweden), 6—4, 5—7,
6—2: . Gmintson bear V. Amwirdson
(Anstrain) bear R. Tennor. 4—6,
6—4; 6—3; R. Rammer i Mexico) bear
J. Borowski, 6—2, 6—1; S. Smith
boat B. Mitton (SA), 3—5, 6—3,
6—1; R. Lutz bear W. Martin, 6—1,
6—3; R. J. Hawim (SA) bear P.

Tennis

Britain's best rider was Peter Robeson, who hit the second from last fence on Woodlark to take fourth place.

Harvey Smith, of Britain, scored his second success in two days on Graffiti in the Premio Glaumicolo, besting a newcomer to the French team, Herve Godignon on Boyard, by two and a half seconds. Jurg Friedli, of Switzerland, in Firebird was third.

Britain's best rider was Peter

Smith, one of the best riders in the world in a speed class, has formed a most impressive partnership with Graffiti, who cut the corners in style to take the lead half-way through the event

Denz (Anstralia), 2-6, 6-3, 7-5; B. Tracher beat B. Partia (NZ). FLORENCE: P. Bertoined beat J. Feaver (GB), 6-4, 6-1, 7-5. Ice hockey

Rugby League Britain will play match for Sanderson fund

The Rugby League amounced yesterday that the Great Britain side selected for the world championship matches in June would play Leeds at Headingley on Thursday, May 12 (7.30) for the Chris Sanderson restimonial fund. Chris Sanderson testimonial fund.
The fund was opened today for
Sanderson, the young Leeds half
back, a married man, who died
after being injured in the match at
Salford on Sunday.

A League spokesman said that
hundreds of pounds had already
been received for the fund. This
included £50 donated by the
Widnes players from their

Wembley pool. Wembley pool.

Peter Fox, the Bramley coach, has left the club within a week of guiding them to promotion to the first division. Fox is expected to Join Bradford Northern today. He was coach to the England team this cases. this season. Bramley offered the post to For's brother Neil (36), who has scored over 5,800 points during his 20-year career, but he declined because he wants to play in the second division.

Boxing **Davies wins** himself plenty

of experience

Christopher Davies, the Cardiff light-welterweight, won himself eight rounds of valuable experience but seemed lucky to escape with a points win over Carlos Foldes, the lightweight champion of Venezuela, at the World Sporting Club, London. Foldes, who is based in Paris, boxed like a typical continental and Davies had trouble discovering the best way to deal with him. Foldes was fast and unpredictable and the Welshman showed much less than his usual authority as he struggled to

The referee, Mark Hart, gave it to Davies by a single round and it was a decision with which most of the crowd disagreed. Foldes was cheered from the ring. The one thing that Davies did well was jab and it was his straight left which won him most of his points. He also managed to match Foldes's heavy pressure in the last two

Snooker

Thorburn takes lead after hundred break

Cliff Thorburn, the Canadian champion, made a break of 100 in taking a 12—9 lead over Dennis Taylor (Birmingham) in their 35-frame semi-final of the Embassy world profession snooker championship, at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, yesterday.

Resuming at 7—7, Thorburn and Taylor split the first four frames before the Canadian won the last three frames, to take an advantage into tomorrow's concluding 14 frames.

Cycling MARDO: Giro di Pupila: Firsi stige of 127 miles: I. M. Basso: 2. F. Moscr: 3. P. Gavazzi (all of Italy).

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Toronto Blue Lays 4, Boston Red Sox 5: 5-6; New York Yankers 9, Baltimore Orioles 6; California Angels 11, Oakland Athletics 6; 6.
NATIONAL LEAGUE: Cincinnati
Reds 23, Allania Bruves 9: Los Angoles
Dodgers 7, San Diego Pagres 3.

Nato's basic posture still exists: alliance now in better shape

House of Commons The Government had made 10 written agreement with Nato to the effect that there was universal recognition that defence spending in real terms must be increased annually to counter the build-up of the Warsaw Pact, Mr Frederick Mulley, Secretary of State for Defence, said. Nato, he added, had considered that more should be spent on new equipment and Britain was doing that.

Mr Winston Churchill, an Opposi-

Britain was doing that.

Mr Winston Churchill, an Opposition spokesman on defence (Stretford, C), had asked what progress
he had made in fulfilling his comminment, jointly made with allied
ministers at their meeting in Brussels on December 7 and 8 jast year,
to secure real annual increases in
defence expenditure by allied Governments, as outlined in the communique concerned.

Mr Mulley (Sheffield, Park, Lab)—As the communique made clear, all members of the alliance have undertaken to review their contributions in the context of the 1977 force planning exercise which covers the period up to five years ahead.

Any proposals for changes in our expenditure plans would have to be considered during this year's pub-Mr Churchill—Is Mr Mulley not aware that in paragraph 9 he un-dertook to do more than merely review levels of spending? "Ministers recognize that achievement of those objectives of countering the Warsaw Pact buildup will call for real annual in-creases in defence spending by allied governments. That applies to this country and he signed that document on behalf of this Government and our Nato allies.

Does Mr Mulley stand by that statement or repudiate it? Mr Mulley—The communique was the discussions that took place. There was no question of signing any document.

The particular sentence Mr Churchill has chosen is in the con-

text of what is a well-considered Nato view—that we should concentrate on increased spending on new equipment. In terms of the new equipment, the percentage we spend on it compares favourably with our Nato allies. So in that context we are carrying out the intentions of the discussions.

The Government were satisfied that the basic posture of Nato, to make any aggression a reckless gamble by potential enemies, still existed, Mr Frederick Mulley, Secretary of State for Defence,

He had told Mr Michael Marshall (Arundel, C) that he planned to attend the spring meetings of Nato defence ministers in Brussels next month. He added: The Euro group will meet on May 16 and the Defence Planning Committee on May 17 and 18.

propaganda in his long and biased BBC programme and his articles in The Times for more arms spend-

of all kinds of commentators in the press, many of which are contra-dictory. I have seen the articles in Sir Ian Gilmour, chief Opposition seives to Nato to have the fullest spokesman on defence—He does consultation.

these meetings to remove the feel-ing of uncertainty in the minds of our partners when one year's White Paper talks about irreductthe minima for defence commitments and we have changes at

PARLIAMENT, April 26, 1977

We are one of the few nations

who publish a five-year forward inflation-proof defence expendiiture. The cuts we have amounced have been on planned forward expenditure increased, expendicountries go on a year to year

In many cases we do not even know because we are not sure what their inflation allowance is, what their annual budgers amount to in real terms. Mr Peter Blaker (Blackpool,

Mr Peter Blaker (Blackpool, South, C)—It a recent statement the Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic said the defence plans of Britain and our Nato allies depend on having two and a haif months' warning of attack. If that is anywhere near accurate, any defence cuts are irresponsible.

Mr. Mulley—That is not a fair summary of what he said. That was in the context rather of planning exercises for possible Nato opera-tions outside their normal area, concerned with shipping routes. I have it from the highest mill-tary sources in Nato that the alliance is in better shape than it was three years ago.

Sir Ian Gilmour, chief Opposition spokesman on defence (Chesham spokesman on derence (Chesham and Amersham, C)—What is his view of communiques after Nato meetings? By his behaviour since the last Nato meeting he seems to think these communiques are watfle to which he need pay no attention.

Is he saying neither he nor the Government are bound by what is said by a Nato communique? Mr Mulley-I do not regard a communique as equivalent to any kind of binding document. But one would naturally wish to carry our the consensus of Nato meetings.

Regarding the Defence Planning Committee, one communique said communities, one communique said the their ministers undertook to concentrate their current efforts on the improvements recommended, taking account of the need to recognize and allocate more resources for modernization and reequipment of Nato forces. This was in June, 1973. In the same year the then Tory Government cut defence spending three times by a bigger amount than I have done over two years.

Consultation on future cuts

Mr Frederick Mulley, Secretary of state for Defence, repeated the assurance that there was no intention of reducing the size of BAOR, pending what one hoped would be a successful outcome of the mutual balanced force reduction negotiations in Vienna.

Mr Frank Allaum (Salford, East, Lab)—Will the Secretary of State rebut and resist Lord Chalforn's propaganda in his long and biased

the cuts not in our actual expenditure but in our planned higher expenditure for 1978-79, that as much if I had to rebut stateme both Nato and the House will be informed when we reach conclusions on the reduction of £230m planned for 1978-79.

Bullocks without food or water for 48 hours

The story of the transport of nine 20 to 21 at Dover. They had been charollais bullocks from Dover to loaded from lairage. Charoliais bullocks from bover we Northern Italy without being provided with food or water on the 48 hours' road journey was told by Mr Robin Corbett (Hemel Hemp-

hir Robin Corbett (Hemel Hemp-stead, Lab).

He was given leave to introduce the Animal Welfare (Export of Live Attimals for Slaughter) Bill to change the law on export of live animals for staughter.

Mr Corbett said that midway through animal welfare year it was appropriate for the House again to be able to consider the export of be able to consider the export of live animals for slaughter. When the House had decided by a narrow majority in January, 1975, to resume the vile trade it was against resime the value take it was against the background of the O'Brien report recommending that it be allowed under certain conditions, which should be acceptable and enforceable. That had been over-

looked.

British vets, whether ministry or private, tried to ensure compliance with the various regulations, but did not succeed. The Ministry of Agriculture did not even know the number of separate Consignments sent abroad for slaughter. Only this morning he had received a report of one experience of the wanton breach of animal regulations, national and inter-national on French soil. It came from Orief Inspector Burfield of the RSPCA and concerned nine

The bullocks were taken ashore at Calais at 4.30 am on April 21, but did not leave the customs area until 10.15 am in a Bedford lorry. The three RSPCA observers reported that it was driven at an reported that it was driven at an exceeding slow rate and 40 kilometres from Calais it braked hard and the cattle were thrown forward. Repairs had to be carried out, involving bars being welded, and at no stage were the beasts removed from the lorry.

They went to Vensimiglia in Northern Iraly where they arrived 48 hours after boarding the ferry. During that time they had been without food, water and rest.

We have already committed our-

without food, water and rest.
When they arrived there had been about 18 inches of slurry on the floor of the lorry. Four bales of straw were attached to the roof of the lorry but these were not touched during the journey, when the lorry was under the constant observation by Mr Butfield and his

Their view was that the lorry was unsuitable for its purpose and that seemed to be why it was going

slowly.

Just as the trade in human beings 150 years ago (he said) shamed those engaged in it and the country which allowed it, so the same bappens today with this vile and shameful trade.

The BiH was read a first time.

Mr Fitt fails to get debate on threat of one-day strike in Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland scheduled to take place next Monday. He said that yesterday afternoon in Belfast an organization calling-itself the Ulster Unionist Action Committee met and among its members were the Rev Ian Paisley

(North Annim, UUUC).

Mr Paisley in collusion and alliance with other people in Northern Ireland and some of those people who form the Ulster-Unionist Action Committee are members of the Ulster Defence.
Association which has the support of other organizations which are illegal. Yesterday afternoon they issued an ultimatum In this morning's press in North-

ern Ireland advertisements appeared to the effect that if the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and the Government did

Mr Gerard Flitt (Belfast, West, not fall into line with the demands SDLP) unsuccessfully sought leave which had been made by this for an emergency debate to be held organization in relation to securon the threat of a general strike in ity, and this was also allied to the ity, and this was also allied to the demand that the Government and this Parliament should implement the convention report discussed at Ireland, this organization, in the event of the Government and Par-liament not complying with their demands next Monday, would call a general strike in Northern Ire-

> We have already had precedents (he said) for this kind of action in the actions that took place in 1974 which brought about the downfall of a legally elected government at that time. Those of us who lived in Northern Ireland at that time remember only too well the chaos, disruption, difficulties and despair then occasioned. From the words we have been over the wards we have heard over the past number of days it would appear that a strike of similar propor-

This was a matter of urgent importance. It was an open defiance of this British Government and Parliament. It was fascist

The House should adjourn (to hold an emergency debate) so that everything entailed in this dancossed by all MPs and if necessary the gauntlet thrown down by fas-cists in Northern Ireland should be

The Speaker (Mr George Thomas) said he had listened carefully to what Mr Fitt said. A strike that was threatened was for next Monday and also it was at present a threat. He was directed by the House to take into account several factors, which he had done, but he must say to Mr Fitt that he could not accede to his request.

Powers for GLC to assist industry

Mr Ronald Brown (Hackney, South and Shoredisch, Lab), moving the GLC m undertake extensive direct second reading of the Greater Lon-labour building operations. and Shoreditch, Lab), moving the second reading of the Greater Lon-don Council (General Powers) Bill, don Council (General Powers) Bill, said that three of its clauses were designed to fill loopholes in the enterminment licensing law. Still posing by performers to the accompaniment of music was outside the present law on licensing control. The premises were often former establishments where they had striptease in respect of which the GLC had refused to grant or renew any music licence.

The Bill brought under licence by the GLC premises which, while admitting people to stripteases or other similar entertainments, were serving only as a booking office for other premises.

for other premises.

In practice that meant that payment for admission was accepted before it was disclosed that the entertainment was to be given else-where and without regard to the amount of accommodation available at the premises to which the customer was directed. The customer might find there was no accommodation available or that a further admission charge was

Other clauses assisted industry in London, and provided useful range of powers which would enable the GLC and the London boroughs to GLC and the London boroughs to take action to overcome the serious proble mof industrial decline in London.

Mr Geoffrey Finsberg (Camden, Hampstead, C), for the Opposition, said there were a substantial number of highly objectionable political proposals in this Bill.

Perhaps (he continued) we should try to assist local government by removing from the political propositions of the continued of

ment by removing from the political arena those humdrum but necessary changes in the law which local government seeks with unani-nity to get approved by the House. The political proposals would clearly need closer scrutiny and would merit either support or dele-tion. It is not unknown for such political powers to be deleted by Mr Nigel Spearing (Newham, South, Lab) said politicians on both sides tild not sufficiently grasp that investment in industry, alas, often meant fewer jobs even though there might be greater pro

though there might be greater productivity.

Mr Guy Barnett, Under Secretary for the Environment (Greenwith, Lab), said that inevitably the Government had certain reservations about some of the powers that were sought. He did not propose to set out their views in detail tonight, particularly as they had not yer discussed them with the promoters of the Bill. They would be doing so as soon as possible.

The Secretary of State would as usual submit a report to the committee on the Bill in due course. It was in that place that the more detailed matters ought to be considered.

Since there appeared to be gen-eral agreement that the Bill con-nained some useful clauses at should be sent to committee. The position man the House was in tonight to examine all the issues with the benefit of expert evidence and would be able to consider whether there was an overlap be-tween the kind of powers for which the countil asked and those con-tined in seneral law tained in general law.

Mr John Moore (Croydon, Central, C) said their limited knowledge and experience of direct labour within the London area had been such as to bring them to the con-clusion that it led to the destruction of jobs, and that it promoted not only the destruction of private enterprise building companies but the misallocation of resources.

Mrs Millie Miller (Redbridge, Ilford, North, Lab) said it was not industrial development certificate control that prevented industrial development in London. It was other factors such as high rents. Some of the provisions in the Bill were a backdoor method of direct labour. Clause 8 (Powers to be defend by 192 votes to 162—majority, 30.

Terms agreed for talks on Falkland Islands

wealth Affairs when negotiations with Argentina about the Falkland Islands were likely to begin. De David Owen, said in a written reply: The British and Argentine Governments have now reached agreement on the terms of reference for negotiations about the Falkland Islands dispute, as fol-

The Governments of the Argentine Republic and the United King-dom of Great Britain and Northern from of Great Extend and Northern Ireland have agreed to hold negoriations from June or July, 1977, which will concern future pollitical relations, including sovereignty, with regard to the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands, and economic cooperation with regard to the said territories, in particular, and the South West Atlantic, in General. In these negotiations the issues affecting the future of the islands will be discussed, and negotiations

Larger fines

by companies

Mr Clinton Davis, Under Secretary

It was intended to bring Section 4

to be faced

Mr Frank Hooley (Sheffield, Ree-ley, Lab) asked the Secretary of of a peaceful solution to the exist-State for Foreign and Common-wealth Affairs when negotiations with Argentina about the Falkland ment of a framework for Anglo-Argentine economic cooperation which will contribute substantially to the development of the Islands, and the region as a whole.

A major objective of the nego-tiations will be to achieve a stable, prosperous and politically durable future for the Islands, whose people the Government of the United Kingdom will consult dur-ing the course of the negotiations. The agreement to hold these negotiations, and the negotiations themselves, are without prejudice the position of either Government with regard to sovereignly over the Islands.

The level at which the negotiations will be conducted, and the times and places at which they will be held, will be determined by agreement between the two Government

London's evening papers It was imperative that the Prime

Minister should contact the proprietors of the Evening News and evening Standard when he returned from Germany, Mr Robin Corbett (Hemel Hempstead, Lab) said during questions to the Leader of the House (Mr Foot) who deputized for Mr Callaghan at question time. Evening Standard when he of the Companies Act, 1976, which

increased the maximum fines for late delivery of company accounts, into operation on October 1, 1977. Mr Corbett said: Mr Foot should trige upon the Prime Minister the Imperative need of contracting the proprietors of the Loudon Evening News and Evening Standard to get them to come clean with the 6,000 workers they employ and whose jobs are being bought and sold as though they were bits of paper and machinery in an attempt to pre-In addition, the Criminal Law Bill, which was currently before Parliament, would have the effect of increasinp many of the max-mum fines under the Companies Acts. Consideration was also being given in the progression of funcgiven, in the preparation of future legislation relating to companies, to increasing further the peneltics for certain offences under the machinery in an attempt to pre-serve at least one London evening

It is disgraceful that the people who hand out lectures on the way industrial relations work, operate behind darken doors and windows in this way. Mr Michael Foot, Lord President

Mr Michael Foot, Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House (Ebbw Vale, Lab)—I have sympathy with what Mr Cerhett has said and he is justified in raising the matter. This afternoon there is to be a deputation led by Mr Max Madden (Sowerby, Lab) and representatives of the unions in the different offices to Mr Roy Hattersley. Secretary of State for Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Affairs, who will describe the legal position in which he is placed.

When Mr Callaghan returns, I will seek to discuss the master with him.

Compulsory seat belts Bill rejected by two votes The one thing English people did not like was being regimented and herded about like sheep. Lord Thomas (C) said that any-thing that induced a sense of false

Lord Avebury (L), moving the second reading of the Road Traffic (Seat Belts) Bill, said that peers Linking of voting against the Bill alould realize that in doing so they were sending 1,000 people to their eaths each year and causing 12,000 people to suffer life threatening injuries on the country's

He believed it was unusual for the House to vote against a private member's Bill. When a Bill had received substantial support in the Commons in a previous session, as the Bill did with a majority of 110 ones in a division there, he would cotes in a division there, he would nave thought it even more unusual or there to be a division today.

Lord Balfour of Inchrye (C) moved an amendment declining to give a second reading to a fill which proposed the principle of compulsion, which would place unacceptable burdens in attempting enforcement on already overworked, undermanded police forces, and which save to the worked, indermanated pointe forces, and which gave to the minister wide delegated powers to restrict by order the freedom and conduct of the individual.

He said he was not against seaf belts and used them himself on the open road. The trouble was that ministers over-stated their case in words and statistics.

He could cite cases in which
people had lost their lives through

using seat belts, including one reported in The Times headed "Two die in seat belt first trap".

Let us admit (he said) that lives are saved by seat belts but also om for improvement in the are saved by seat belts but also design of belts to make them more design of belts to make them more any that was what the samport to the Bill. are saved by seat bets but also admit that death and injury can be caused by belt wearing. The House is being asked to pass a Bill which will cause death or injury to some by Government order.

The Bill was born of misinds-ment out of bureautracy.

Lady Stedman, Baroness in Wait-ing, said it was known that the benefits of wearing seat belts were very great. The main benefits, the sawing of lives and prevention of injuries, were well established. The Government's view was that the balance was clearly in favour of compulsory wearing and they sup-ported the principle of the Bill. Already 17 other countries had Arready 17 other countries had introduced compulsion. In the EEC only Ireland, Italy and the United Kingdom had not yet made seat belt wearing compulsory. The Bill would grant the minister power to make regulations requiring seat belts to be worn. They would apply to cars registered since 1965 and light vans registered since 1967. There would be specific exemp-

sions.

She did not anticipate any great problems of enforcement. The Government had no evidence from research of cases where death had

Government · would encourage

The Government commended the Bill to the Honse and hoped it would receive a second reading. Lord Mowbray and Segrave and Stourton (C), for the Opposition. said there was no single measure on road safety which could yield such benefits so quickly as the introduction of the compulsory wearing of seat belts.

Lord Platt (Ind) said premature deaths from smoking were three times as high as those from road accidents but there was no enforcement of non-smoking even in public places. He was worried about escape from cars on fire. Lady Macleod of Borve said she

hany macient of Borre said she knew of many cases where people who had been wearing seat belts had died in accidents when they might have lived if they had not been the said said they had not Lord Parry said he had lived through a multi phe-up accident and had he been wearing a scat belt he might not now walk lamely or be limited in his physical capacities to do certain things.

and support to the But.

Lord Erroll of Rale (C), chairman
of the AA, said every passenger in
a commercial aircraft had to wear
a seat belt and none considered a sext det and none considered that was a restriction of personal freedom. Crash helmets had to be worn by motor cyclists for good safety reasons. So why not seat belts for motorists? Lord Porritt said if they turned down the Bill they were sentencing a large number of people to death or to serious injury and deformity for the rest of their lives.

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Rarl Howe, vice-chairman of the

RAC, said they opposed compulsion but were prepared to support
freedom of choice. They hoped
standards of seat belts would be
improved. Compulsion was a gross
intrusion into the freedom of the
individual. Lord de Clifford (C) said he was

not in favour of the principle or detail of the Bill. It was impossible to go on at this rate when every-thing people did was being regl-mented. Compulsory wearing of seat belts was totally menforce-able. able.
The Earl of Kimberley (L) said he consort the amendment.

security in a car—as seat belts did—should be avoided and not did—should be avoided and not made compulsory. He would vom for the amendment.

Lord Monson said people would not longer stand being patronized in the way the Bill proposed.

Lord Boothby said he had never the property approach. seen a more monstrous encroachment on the liberty of the individ-ual than that imposed by the Bill. ual man mat imposed by the Bill.

If passed (he said) it will prevent a considerable number of people, including myself, from entering a car again. I am not prepared to be trapped in—by law—to what might well be a horrible death ible death. Lord Lucas of Chilworth said governments took refuge in compui-sion where their abilities to edu-cate falled. The Bill was so bad as it stood that nobody could give it a it stood that notbody could give it a second reading.

Lord Montagu of Beanlien said they were being asked to pay a small price compared to the great and guaranteed saving of life and injuries, misery to dependents and costs to the health services that could result from the Bill. The amendment was carried by S5 votes to S3—majority 2.
The BUI was thus rejected.
House adjourned, 10.15 pm.

No power to arrest Biggs on warship

Mr Patrick Duffy, Under Secretary of Defence for the Royal Navy, repeated his assurance, given in a written reply last week, that Mr Ronald Biggs would not be allowed back on board her Majesty's ships. Mr Marcus Lipton (Lambeth, Central, Lab) had asked in what circumstances Mr Biggs, wanted by the police for the great rain rob-bery, was allowed on board HMS Danae at Rio de Janeiro. Mr Duffy (Sheffield, Attercliffe, Lab)—As I said in a written reply to Mr Alec Woodhall (Hemsworth,

Lab) on Apri 22, ships' companies are encouraged to meet the local community—(lond laughter)—but are expected to show discretion more laughter) in offering hospi-I understand some junior ratios

from HMS Danae received an invi-tation to dinner from Mr Biggs and tation to dinner from Mr. Riggs and responded by inviting him on board while they stowed their shopping. When the officer of the warth recognized him as Mr. Biggs he was asked to leave the ship.

Mr. Biggs will not be allowed back on board HM ships.

Mr. Lipton—Why did the minister resport to the discrepable rose of resort to the disreputable ruse of trying to forestall an awkward oral question by planning a stooge written reply last Friday which did not appear until Saunday's Hansard? That kind of trick does not go down very well with me, any-

To the stooge question on Fri-day, Mr Duffy said that Mr Biggs will not be allowed back on board any of HM ships when some of the ships of the group return to Rio. Is this limitation on Mr Biggs limited to those ships going back to Rio on April 23? Has not an instruction been given to all naval ships whenever

they go back to Rio not to have Mr Biggs on board? Mr Duffy-As I said in my forme reply. Mr Bigss will not be allowed back on board HM ships. As to his first point. Mr Woodall was just quicker off the marker than he was

Rear Adm M. C. Morgan-Giles (Winchester, C)—While it is fre-quently very enjoyable to meet the local inhabitants and sailors from HM ships do a great job— (laughter) an HM ship is British territory, and should not Mr Biggs have been clapped in irons. (Shour of "Make bim walk the plank".) Mr Duffy-There was no power to arrest Mr Biggs on board an HM ship and no such arrest was auth-orized. (Cries of "Why not?")

No concession

Mr Robert Sheldon, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, in a written answer, said the income tax concessions in the Budget in respect of persons working abroad

Parliamentary notices Today at 2.30: Price Commission Infl. second reading. Motion on EEG document on direct life assurance. ernments. If necessary, special House of Lords working groups will be established. Today at 2.30: Debais on agriculture.

Mobility allowance rises to £7: supply of trikes until 1982-83

Mr Patrick Jenkin, chief Opposition spokesman on the social services. (Redbridge, Wanstead and Woodford, C), initiating a debate on mobility for the disabled, said that the windrawal of the tike was leaving thousands of disabled people without wheels. The cash allowance of 55 a week was not an adequate substitute. It did not allow a person enough money in adequate substitute. It did not allow a person enough money to run let alone buy, a vehicle.

A policy which resulted in grounding people and causing grave anxiety was not viable. The Secretary of State must think again, his policy was wrong and he should retrace his steps, at any rate temporarity.

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The Opposition supported the introduction of the mobility allowance. It was right in the longer. term that for the great majority of the disabled cash rather than hardware was the better form of help. Cash allowed a greater flexibility and a wider measure of individual

Most physically disabled people were better able to assess their needs and make their decisions than was imagined. Cash provision was the better way to reflect that principle. The dispute was not on principles but on methods and timing.

It had been reported that the Secretary of State would increase the rate from 25 to 27. That would

It was not disputed that as yet no suitable alternative vehicle was no sminole alternative vehicle was available. In the circumstances, was it right to phase out the trike as from now? He questioned the validity of the argument, used by the minister to justify his decision, that the disabled preferred the mobility placements. mobility allowance even at its present level.
The cost to the department of

providing the trike if the mobility allowance went up to £7 a week was of the same order of magnitude. Anyone who opted to keep the trike did not get the mobility allowance. There was no argument allowance. There was no argument on cost. It was an argument as to whether phasing out was to start now or should take much longer.

On the argument about EEC standards, Mr Ennals had been less than frank with the House. The House was indebted to Mr Jeffrey Rooker (Birmingham, Perry Barr, Lab) who had established that it was nothing to do with the EEC at all despite what had been said about international standards, because the proposed EEC regulations specifically excluded three-wheelers. The EEC had been a red herring drawn across the trail to bamboozle people.

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The accident record showed that the trike had nine times as bad an accident record as cars driven by disabled people. A large proportion of accidents were with younger drivers where the figures compared with those for motor that it was a measure. cycles. In part this was a measure of youthful exuberance and rashness and in part poor training. He could not believe it was impossible to improve the standards of train-

The trike was also noisy, uncom-fortable and unsociable. But fless were not conclusive reasons in the eyes of trike drivers as to why they should be deprived of their mobi-

lity.
Even 57 a week mobility allowance would not meet the case. It was clear that the travel to work scheme was limited and the commutation scheme was for the future.
Unless Mr Ennals appropried be would resume, albeit on a tempor-ary basis and not as the best soluary casts and not as the cest soun-tion, the supply of trikes to those people being grounded for the want of them, or alternatively made arrangements for these people, it would be right for the House to express its disquiet in the direction lobbies. This would be

division lobbies. This would be with regret, but anything less would fail to reflect the deep attricties felt outside the House Mr David Emnals, Secretary of State for Social Services (Notwich, North, Lab), said they ought to be careful about synthetic concern mobility allowance. Mr Jenkin's mobility for mose who did not drive. would fail to reflect the deep atxieties felt outside the House Mr. David Emmals, Secretary of State for Social Services (Notwich, North, Lab), said they ought to be careful about synthetic concern and passion because they had suffered a bellyful of that from Mr. Jenkin. (Conservative protests and shouts of "cheapskate".)

The speech of Mr. Jenkin was syrtemely disappondulty because it. extremely disappointing because it gave no indication of Conservative

troops through the lobbles. If that was not playing party politics with the disabled he did not know what was, (Labour cheers and Conserva-tive protests.) He would not be defensive on

the Government's record on the disabled because it was one of which they should be proud, it more than compared with what was achieved by the Conservatives when they were in office and when they had the chance to do some-thing about the plight of the dis-abled. The mobility allowance was only

The mobility allowance was only one part of what they were doing to help the disabled. This was designed to give mobility help to a far wider range of disabled people than ever before, without discrimination between those who could drive and those who could not.

Eventually the new allowance would help the person 1000 memory. Eventually fine new allowance would help about 100,000 people who previously got no mobility help at all. Not everyone had been brought in straight away. The scheme was being phased in. The benefit was now paid to over 43,000 people aged between five and 52 and everyone up to pension age would be covered by the end of 1979.

They could not look at one bene-fit separate from the other. Invali-dity allowance, attendance allow-ance and mebility allowance could be and in some cases were payable at the same time to the same person. A married man with two children could get as much as \$55. or more if he was getting all three benefits.

or more if he was geining an increase benefits.

There had also been an increase in the provision of the personal social services for the disabled under this Government. Expenditure on this, adaptations, telephones and bolidays increased from about 54m in 1972-73 to about 51m in 1975-76.

There had come to office to

They had come to office to tackle the problems that were facing disabled people. The appointment of Mr Alfred Mouris as minister responsible for the disabled had been a symbol of their commitment to help the disabled. It had become much more than a symbol. He had a list of over 100 achievements and advances in the sphere of the disabled, most of which were due to the efforts and determination of the minister. which were one to the errors and determination of the minister.

By his action and example Mr Morris had helped to change the attinudes of society rowards dis-

abled people.

The Tories had been giving with one hand and taking away with the other, but the present Government had reversed that policy. Tricycles issued under the old scheme were no longer taken away when some-

Mr Jeokan had been a junior minister at the Treasury when the Conservatives decided to refuse new applications for the petrol allowance of £5 to tricycle owners. Yet he came before the House today with total hypocrisy and humbug, and asked him (Mr Ennals) kindly not to be too political with the second s

They had introduced the structured scheme for mobility which had been asked for by making a mobility allowance. The tricycle had been under fire

slugie seater and because of its safety record, but there had been another objection—that it was not fair because it confined mobility to those who could drive and denied it us those who could not. There were those who thought they should have plased out the tricycle and replaced it with some other completely new specialized vehicle. That would no doubt have

been a superior vehicle in many ways but it would have been much more expensive.

proposal was therefore a demand for additional expenditure. Last year he had assured the existing users of three wheeled Last year he had assured the existing users of three-wheeled vehicles that they could keep them for five years. The Government had decided it should be possible to maintain the supply of them until 1982-83 and many in use would last for some years beyond that, into the late eighties. gare no indication of Conservative policies, or what sums of money he thought, if he had power to control it he would spend. Mr Jenkin had said that unless Mr Ennals went would last for some years beyond had earlier welcomed when it was announced he would march his that no one who was now mobile would spend on mobility benefits were not to be take from the people concerns that, into the late eighties.

The Government aimed to ensure that no one who was now mobile Government majority, 15.

ing out. He and the minister for the dis-abled, Mr Alfred Morris, and had discussions with the Central Coun-cil for the Disabled. That organization bad said that with some fruan-cial assistance from the Govern-ment they would be able to raise the additional interest free capital which could then be made avail able as interest free loans to the handicapped to buy their own rehi cles. They would then repay the loan out of their mobility allow.

The details were being worked out, though there were difficulties such as the application of it would benefit only a limited number of people. It was hoped that some success could be achieved in work. ing our such a scheme.

The mobility allowance would be increased to £7 a week, a rise of

 from November. In cash terms that means a substantial rise in real terms. It was a 40 per cent in Mr Cyril Smith (Rochdale, L) said every MP would be delighted with the increased mobility allowance, but since it was taxable it would still be inadequate.

Mr Richard Wood (Bridlington, C) said disabled people wanted to be able to go out on the spur of the moment to post a letter or visit the pub and be sure of getting home, things which most people took for granted. For them the mobility

other vehicle.

Mr. Jack Ashley (Stoke-on-Trent, South, Lah) said every disabled person should have a car or the means to buy one, but this could not be achieved overnight. A start should be made by giving to some categories a special allowance from a fund, allocated by the Government, no provide interest-use loans for this purpose.

Mr. Lewis Carter-Jones (Eccles, Lab) said the search for vehicles had so far produced no real alternatives. Those they had seen had been frightfully expensive. If they were to produce a vehicle which might be the alternative they should be thinking now of having the prototype.

the prototype. Mr David Price (Eastleigh, C) said until mobility allowance could be got on to a basis sufficiently gener able everybody who was eligible to have some appropriate vehicle of their own the trike had to be maintained.

Mr Raphael Tuck (Watford, Lab) said not enough was being done for the disabled, but it was not the minister's fault. It was not me minister's fault. It was the Treasury who should be on the mat. Mits Margaret Hain (East Dunbartonshire, Scot Nat) said the minister should review the question of eligibility for the mobility allowance. The definition of being virtually unable to work uses a referrably unable to work uses a referrable to work uses a referrably unable to work uses a referrably un tually unside to work was a rather arbitrary way of deciding whether someone should be eligible. The

disabled could have good days and Mr John Ovenden (Gravesend Lab) said the disabled needed free down of choice. There was a con-tinuing need for specialist vehicles for people who could not drive other vehicles. Dr Gerard Vanghan, an Opposition

Dr Gerard Vaugian, an Opposition spokesman on social services (Reading, South, C), said there was a constant and unnecessary muddle over forms, many of which were ludicrously complicated. The Opposition intended to set up a working party to look into this. The minister should listen to disabled people and allow them to continue to have the trike until a reasonable alternative was proreasonable alternative was pro-vided. He should allow young and newly disabled people to have the trike if they wished to. Alternati-vely, special funds should be ava-able on top of the mobility allowable on top of the mobility allowance to enable people to work.

Mr Alfred Morris, Under Secretary for the Disabled (Manchester, Wythenshawe, Lab), said he had been pressed again and again to phase out the tricycle on safety grounds. The Government were nelping more people than ever with mobility.

We charge the Opposition the We charge the Opposition fie said to say how much more mey would spend on mobility if new benefits were not to be taken away from the people concerned who valued them highly.

The motion for the adjournment was rejected by 263 votes to 248-

Science report

Physics: Free quarks may exist

The results of a fairly simple experiment by American scientists suggest that quarks, believed to be the fundamental subatomic building blocks of all matter, may exist free. Although all subatomic particles are thought to be constructed from combinations of "quarks", high-energy physicists have never succeeded in breaking them down into free marks, and have never succeeded in breaking them down into free quarks, and their latest theories state that quarks are permanetly confined and can never be free.

But now Dr W. M. Fairbank, Dr A. F. Hebard and Dr G. S. Larue of Stanford University, have found evidence for fractional electric or Stanford University, have found evidence for fractional electric charge, a notion first introduced with the quark theory of matter. All known particles have either a charge of one (the electron charge), or multiples of that there are there as the charge of the char charge. Quarks, however, have a charge that is either a third or two-thirds that of an electron. The Stanford physicists claim to have measured a fractional electrical

the fraction is a third, as expected for a quark.

Their apparatus is based on a classic experiment familiar to every schoolboy reading physics and known as the Millikan oil-drop experiment. A thry charged drop of oil is suspended in an electric field between two metal plates so that the force of gravity can be balanced by the attraction of the electric field. The experiment allows the amount of electric charge on the oil-drop to be calculated.

Using an advanced version of Using an advanced version of that apparatus the Stanford physicists were able to look for fractional charge in heavy materials. As the gravitational force on a small ball of heavy material is 10 million times stronger than on an oil-drop a means of support is required. That is why the Stanford physicists used mobium, which is super conducting and so can be floated in a magnetic field.

Eight they mobium soheres were examined and fractional charges of a third of the electron charge were

Many experimenters have searched for quarks over the past decade but without success. The Stanford physicists emphasize however, that their evidence is only for fractional charge, and not neces-sarily for quarks.

Scientists will need a lot of con-vincing that the experiment is correct, sluce the results are of is correct, since the resums are such great significance. A rather elegant structure has emerged in recent theories which have had much success in explaining phenomenature of the control much success in explaining phenomena in elementary particle physics. That structure would be undermined if free quarks were shown to exist. In the past occasional reports of quarks have been made but they have not withstoodcritical examination. This latest result has yet to pass that examination but it has the advantage over earlier experiments that it can be repeated fairly easily by other physicists. physicists.
By Nature-Times News Service

Nature-Times News Service.
1977 measured a fractional electrical charge on niobium, a metal that is, incidentally, used in the manufacture of ballpoint pens. Their measurements seem to show that solve result at it suggests that free

Liberals accused of saving their skins

By Our Political Reporter Mr Francis Pytn, shadow Leader of the House of Commons, yesterday poured scorn on Liberal MPs whom he accused of susmining a socialist government when the country wanted to see the end of Labour policies. Attacking the Government for

and parliamentary affairs, Mr Pym. addressing the Primrose League at Central Hall, West-minster, said Labour had saved minster, said Labour had saved its skin by persuading the Liberals to sustain it a little longer.

Liberal MPs were saving their own skins too, because the Liberals in the country did not support a socialist-liberal government, almost an unimaginable beast. The House of Commons had demonstrated the pureality of the demonstrated the unreality of the

Mr Pym sald Conservatives should seek to win over those Liberal supporters who did not want to sustain a socialist government. Mr Steel, the Liberal leader, had been critical of "party games", but Liberal MPs were

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playing precisely that. Mr Steel had let down his own supporters.

There was little wonder that their general social and economic policy, based not on commen as Mr Callaghan had complained last week, but he and Sir Harold Wilson particularly, were mainly responsible.

Mr Whitelaw, deputy leader of the Conservative Party, speaking in the Grimsby by election campaign, dea. Mr Whitelew, deputy leader of the Conservative Party, speaking in the Grimsby by-election campaign, described the tough line on law and order that would be taken by the Conservatives in government.

He promised that the next Conservative ministry would "take very seriously" and act swiftly outlearly proved failures in the legal and penal system.

clearly proved failures in the legal and penal system.

It would reform the Children and Young Persons Act, 1969, to ensure appropriate punishment for "the hardened young thugs.", aid take a very stern line indeed with crimes of violence, where there could be no leniency. Pay and conditions of the police force would be improved. writing or me police force would be improved.

"Crime is not a paper tiger".

Wr.Whitelaw said. "It needs to be fought with action, not words. Under the next Conservative 20vernment it will be."

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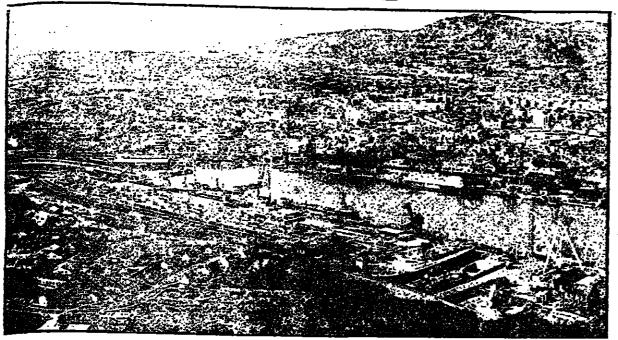
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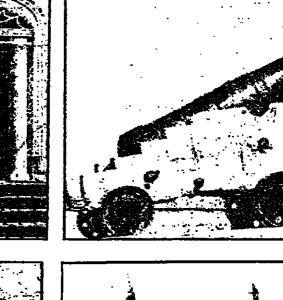
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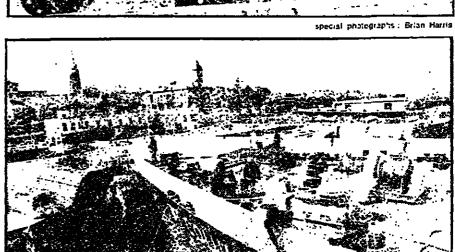








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An aerial view of Holyhead. Centre : old people watch the world go by. Right : the St Columba enters Dun Laoghaire harbour. Top : Holyhead's only street market ; a Georgian door in Dun Laoghaire ; children at play in the Irish town

New luxury on a route like no other

by Michael Baily

cars, the St Columba is tourists. nearly twice the size of its predecessors, and lavishly the typical ship on the endowed with those ameni-route had a smallish first ties—bars, lounges, shops, class with decent old-fash-fluctuated widely in recent other routes. The Irish could be fairly rough.

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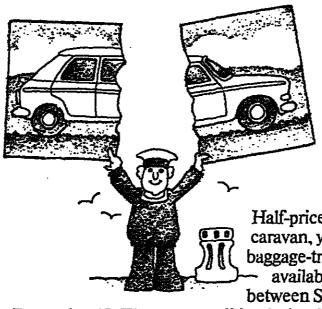
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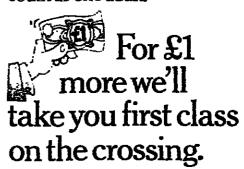
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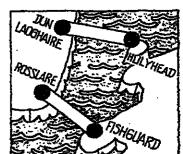


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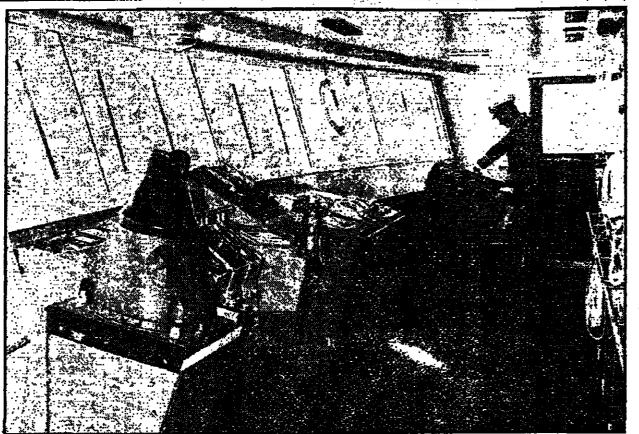
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Holyhead and Fishguard are two, and

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The St Columba was ordered in 1975 from Aalborg Vaerft, Denmark, after British yards failed to meet price and delivery dates and was launched by Mrs David Kirby, wife of the shipping division general manager, last July. It has a gross tonnage of 8,000, carries 2,400 passengers and 335 cars or a mix of cars and 36 lorries. Its service speed is 194 knots, its length 424ft, and it has bow and stern rudders, fin stabilizers, and twin diesel engines of 9,000 hp. It has bar lounges, tea and coffee lounges, and television lounges in each class, a restaurant, a cafeteria, a discotheque, and a nursing room for mothers. It has 2,900 seats, 54 sleeping berths and 80 crew, and cost £19m

Fore bridge of the new British Rail ferry St Columba scheduled to start on the Holyhead—Dun Laoghaire run

Dun Laoghaire is the town which has found its way into the Guinness Book of Records while Holyhead has a remoteness that appealed to George Borrow who found the people poetical and Ruskin who admired the town. Patrick O'Leary takes a fresh look at these two points of departure

A small foretaste of the Emerald Isle

When the Queen visits Holy- the development of harbour, "We would like to auruct has set up a housing im- Marks & Spencer is head on her jubilee tour in roads and railway provided other shipping kines to the provement scheme. One miles away."

June she will find a town of work. But the present situa- port", he said. "We think house, of the kind that used But this remoter large chapels, small villas tion is less prosperous.

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More substantial is the the steamer's captain, John
oyal yacht Britannia, which Macgregor Skinner, but he

overlooking the harbour, as a memorial to him, and a landmark for mariners.

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Evens is extinted to be called commodore. I don't particularly care for the term", he says, "I got command of the St Columba in

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good attendance more than anything else. I was the senior officer and, all things being equal, I was automatically in-line."

He shares the command of what many Braish Rall officials believe is the finest

by Glyn Owen

The sea has been has life since he joined a shipping from in Liverpool in 1938. Throughout the war he was with the Marchant Navy and Iwo of the ships he served on where filence up. After the war he saided in Singapore before returning to Britain in 1943.

ife at sea has disappeared "In my day we wont to faraway places and perhaps stayed there for two or three days. Nowadays there are very fast ships—container vessels—staying for just a day at a port then going off somewhere else."

Captain Evans is happy with the climax of his I years at sea—the command of the £19m St Columba. "It is a superb ship and I do not believe British Rail has a ship remotely as good. British Rail has always had great ships and, in their way, the best 2, he says. I

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arriving ferry the town of nearby that he decided to Dun Laoghaire presents a give up saying bedrime gentle, low profile. Lawns prayers. Instead the young slope up to the Royal Mephistopheles on the Marine Hotel, which has white-washed wall of his one Victorian and one bedroom. James Joyce sharply modern wing became part of local history Beside it rises a three-storey when he set the opening of car park and enclosed shop. Ulusses in a Martello tower ping centre.

block of seafront flats, are boat clearing the barbour the only apparent conces- mouth of Kingstown ". But sions to twentieth-century Dedalus found the tower unsome church in the square has replaced the burnt out the night. The tower is St. Michael's; across the a Joyce museum and street from the shopping summer a symposium centre, but much of the devoted to the author will original granite was reused in the new building, and the old tower remains.

Otherwise the squares and terraces, in spite of tail television aerials designed to pick up British programmes, prove the point made by L. A. G. Strong: "In Ireland time after they had been swept away elsewhere ".

people treat Dun Laoghaire of sex equality have to trains to Dublin, eight nude. miles away, or drive into Wicklow mountains, ment often in the dark, without seeing the town.

notice a cast iron gazebo protecting a drinking commea visit by Queen tourists Victoria. Not so delicate is an obelisk recording George IV's visit in 1821. For 100 after the crossing from years afterwards the port Holyhead, a visual starter was called Kingstown, but when the Irish Republic was name returned to Dun Laoghaire, ferry service is an act of for of Leary.

King Leary beached his ships there in the fifth century and is said to have been converted by St past eight years had Parrick But in later cen the country £200m in suries Dalkey, two miles to tourism and investment converted by St the south, Howth, on the its report for 1976 the East opposite side of Dublin Bay, Organization pointed out and the docks of Dublin that while the number of itself achieved greater pro-

But a million-pound harwhose foundation stone was laid in 1817, and the opening of a railway to the Irish capital in the for this drop," the annual 1830s restored the import report said, "among the 1830s restored the import report said, ince of Dun Laoghaire for passenger traffic. It also became a favoured resort British ambassador, and the and later suburb for middle class Dubliners.

its boundaries to take in shopping centre meant the Dalkey, Killiney and other end of a strike which had

near the seafront. Stephen Dedalus "looked down on These, with one modest the water and on the mailcture. True, closer comfortable, as Joyce did

> Ferry expansion act of faith

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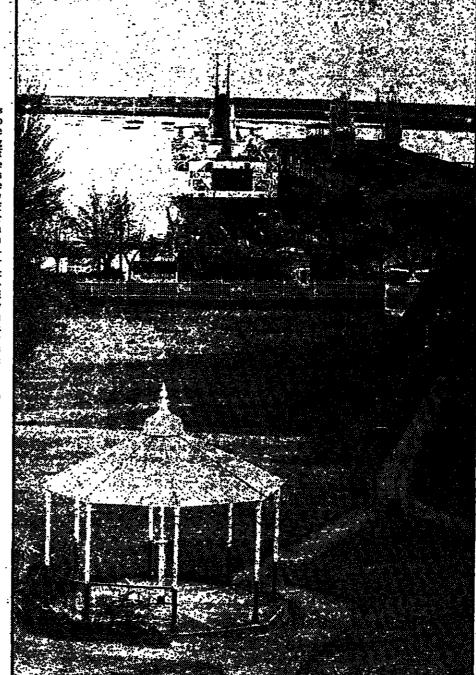
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> will continue Dun Laogh some extent the decision to increase the capacity of the

Mr Llam Cosgrave, Prime Minister of the Irish Repub-lic, said early in April that the terror campaign of the tourists from North America and the Continent had increased, the most im portage market, British visitors, had declined for the third year in succession. "There are many reason:

most obvious being the con-tinued violence in Northern Ireland, the killing of the which coincided In 1930 the town spread Peak tourist period

villages. It now covers 65 sq become a tourist attraction miles, including attractive Among three public houses bays, and has some 56,000 removed to make way for it was one where a dispute in-volving, barmen had lasted George Bernard Shaw's so many years that it found family lived at Delkey, and its way into the Guinness it was while wandering Book of Records.



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Port poised for revival

by Diana/Patt

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They are drilling for oil off the coast of Wales. If oil or eas is found in sufficient in the Inish Sea could change the fortunes of the part of Holyhead

For Holyhead has a large harbour with sheldeep water which would be sumable for supply ressels to service oil development. It has a fleer of A spokesman for the

gantisi decline in trade as a result of Ireland's political mobiles.

George Stephenson's r bridge was built

warriors since the Roman there have been dramatic senger terminal with expecting 830,000 passengers invasion", the journey for changes in the pattern of comfortable lounges, cafes, on the new ferry, of which rail travellers from Euston operation of the port, not cloakrooms and improved 309,000 will be motorists. Only because of civil disturctions facilities. MPs for We expect to carry 100,000 through the iron girders of because of a fire in the Britannia bridge is the stannia tubular bridge in facilities at the port, but so the lowed has a special jetty

And in the same way today, as then, the travellers today, as then, the travellers Alternative services for are passing through, bring cars and passengers were ing important revenue to explore the island.

some oil at the end of the rainbow. Its well-being is But the association would like to see Irish visitors en-10 years, it has seen a sub- year the North Wales Tour-Incland's political shopping trips from Ireland to Llandudno, with coach day in 1850 trips round Anglesey, and this could be repeated this

the Britannia bridge is the tannia tubular bridge in facilities at the port, but so last lap of the journey 1970, which halted all ship far have encountered Treasbefore embarkation.

1970, which halted all ship far have encountered Treasbefore embarkation. for two years.

operated from Heysham, but the port, but rarely stopping the fire deak a body blow overlight in the town of to the cattle ships. Much of Holyhead or staying to the business went to competitors in those years and Ireland invested in the slaughter and preparation of togs and land available for estimates that some 75 per carcasses for sale to Europe depots and storage areas. Holylead could do with crossing are Irish or of Irish dom rather than in simply some oil at the end of the extraction and visit relatives. exporting cattle on the hoof. Painbow. Its well-being is like to see Irish visitors enboars started again, but with tightly linked with that of couraged to come for holistreamly diminished business to Anglesey itself. Last and in November 1975—in spite of protests locally and from Ireland and objections from the Transport Users's Consultative Committee

The port is owned and when George Stephenson's inbuker brings was built services the Menai Strait, carring for the designer the tribute that he had "doe more to raise the value of property of all kinds in Wakes and to promote the social happiness of the social happiness of the addreved by all its poets, statesmen, lawgivers and social services is land before being sold. Bur during those 10 years more than fam on a passible than find before being sold.

The port is owned and air-conditioned trains, but not community. The local authoperate operated by British Rail, operated by British Rail, for 18 months.

Mr Peter Fenton, assisting munity and passengers and shipping and port mannew industrial estate to rying mail and passengers important factor in an area all services is better this port-related industries. Where 13 per cent are unsupplying 1,200 men (an all services is better this port-related industries. Where 13 per cent are unsupplying 1,200 men (an all services is better this port-related industries. Where 13 per cent are unsupplying 1,200 men (an all services is better this port-related industries. Where 13 per cent are unsupplying 1,200 men (an all services is better this port-related industries. Where 13 per cent are unsupplying 1,200 men (an all services is better this port-related industries. Where 13 per cent are unsupplying 1,200 men (an all services is better this port-related industries. Where 13 per cent are unsupplying 1,200 men (an all services is better this port-related industries. Where 13 per cent are unsupplying 1,200 men (an all services is better this port-related industries. Where 13 per cent are unsupplying 1,200 men (an all services is better this port-related industries. Where 13 per cent are unsupplying 1,200 men (an all services is better this port-related into all services is better this port-related industries. The local authops of 1,200 men (an all services is better this port-related industries. The local authops of 1,200 men (an all services is better this port-related by all services is better this

is strong local criticism of ship plying alternately be-British Rail that it has not tween the two ports. planned its investment as a Mr Fenton argues that

Mr. Peredur Lloyd, chier to acting contained a says: "There has been no some of the way, investment in rolling stock British Rail has high between Euston and Holyhead and the carriages are port has not been forgotten says it is going to introduce by the European air-conditioned trains, but not for 18 months.

Holyhead has a special jetty On May 2 British Rail's new for the Anglesey Aluminium Un May 2 British Rail's new for the Anglesey Aluminium multi-purpose service ferry, smelter and a modern purthe St Columba, built in pose-built container terminal. There were to have vice. The new ferry will been two container ships carry rail passengers, plying to Dublin and Belmotorists and their cars and fast, but the level of traffic commercial road vehicles was insufficient to maintain from Holyhead to Dun both and British Rail has Laoghaire. However, there decided on one container is strong local criticism of ship plying alternately be-

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Mr. Peredur Lloyd, chief loading containers which
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Holyhead seen beyond the container depot, the Victorian railway station (left), and the dock.

Island's improving story

by Patrick O'Leary

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recent times, the town has been better known as a link least for tavern keepers. A between Britain and Ireland seventeenth-century guide-and its history in this role book writer described the

abeth found it necessary to good entertainment for tra-vellers", while another said mounted couriers reached ing from, Ireland Holyhead from London in These hotels, entertaining 29 hours, and there was little improvement on this time until the railways took built in 1770, survives as over in the 1840s.

In the years between, stage coaches made it posfor passengers to accompany the mails, but the for overnight stays ended roads were bad and highway-men active. Going through vided comfortable berths. men active. Going through Snowdonia, a coach might have to be dismantled and carried on packhorses over a mountain pass. In the attempt to keep on schedule, drivers occasionally control and their coaches turned over. An

ing a little over 27 hours from the Swan with Two minster instead of attending their own Parliament in Dublin to the Eagle and Child at Dublin. Holyhead, averaging eight They were quickly on to 10 mph. As on other their feet, demanding importes, horses were changed provements. By 1819 a convenient inns, and select committee was busy that convenient inns, and select committee was busy that convenient inns, and select committee was busy that convenient what everybody hosts

rich enough often preferred tals.

Such delays were good at

private premises. Even the nineteenth-century Railway Hotel, in imposing red brick, is shut and may be demolished. Its usefulness

> Act of Union brought Menai bridge

But to revert to Georgian inquiry in 1819 was told days, little was done to inquiry in 1819 was told days, little was done to that many horses had died make the journey easier and swifter for travellers from over-exertion.

The 1800 But in 1785 the Irish Mail their hardships. The 1800 coach entered service, tak- Act of Union meant Irish

eventually finding out what everybody Meal breaks were short, decades—that something and passengers slept on the more, if they could. Those links between the two capitich enough often professed tals. something

Thomas Telford, engineer to travel in their own Thomas Telford, engineer coaches. Some took vehicles and road builder, was called on board ship, an early in, and by 1826 he had form of roll-on, roll-off. thrown his graceful suspendent of the state of Whereas modern tourists sion bridge across the cross to Ireland in between Menai Strait. Until then, three and three and a half passengers had had to be hours, those dependent on ferried across the narrow ferried across the narrow hours, those dependent on retrieu actach Anglesey. A sailing ships were lucky to strait to reach Anglesey. A

Dublin was moved first to now stands, or at Porth-din-course to avoid any waiting Howth Harbour, then in Liaen Bay, in Caernaryon-submarines.

1834 to a new dock at Dun shire. There had even been One captain decided that Laoghaire, at that time suggestions that the expense when he was out of sight of

ensure swift transit of let-Holyhead was "a scattered of railways. Kingstown was by fire. During the two radar had been invented, ters to and from the Lord town consisting chiefly of linked to Dublin in the years needed to replace it, and a secret station was builting. In summer, persons bound for, or com
1848 that Holyhead became diverted to Heysbam. Pre-Mountain.

make the same voyage in strip of water also separated a rail terminus. Even then, viously, even two world 17. They could also be Holy Island from Anglesey, George Stephenson's railway wars had not stopped the stranded at Holyhead for but the new road was bridge across the Menai mail going through to Dubdays waiting for favourable carried across this on an Strait was not finished until lin as it had in the days of winds.

1850. Before that passengers Rizabeth I.

Romens marched through Anglesey, elchough archaeologists differ, sometimes fiercely, over the authenticity of the so-called Roman walls surrounding Holyhead's parish church. In society of London.

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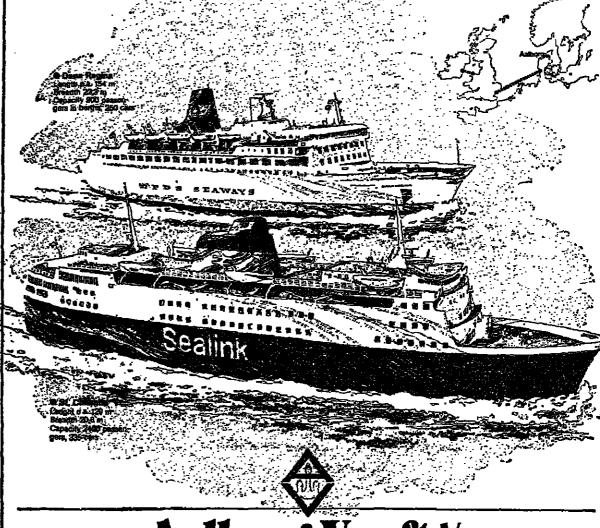
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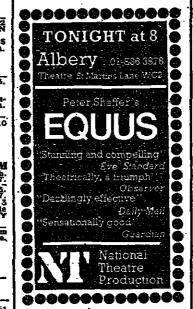
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Mary Peach and Sam Wanamaker

Blind Love

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It was, as they say, with lively anticipation that I began watching Blind Love. The truly venerable V. S. Pritchest and the genuinely glittering Warts Hussein, not to mention the glowing advance publicity and the reverential postponement of News at Ten, all spelt high

Actors-Mary Peach and Sam Wanamaker—from the top drawer. A situation—love be-tween a blind man and a woman with some unspecified but dreadful secret blemish—of the most poignant. Would the resulting artifact be merely good,

Francisco Wallace Stegner's

Angle of Repose, set by

Andrew Imbrie, received

mixed notices. Earlier this

month Saul Bellow's Hender-

Lincoln Centre, as part of the

Lily compresses the first third of Bellow's novel into a

single act of approximately 100

minutes. (Kirchner has indi-cated he would like to con-

tinue the setting of the novel.)

It is essentially a monodrama of the interior of Gene Hen-derson's mind. Henderson, a rich, giant American, has

rich, giant American, has broken with his middle-class

past and left his second wife Lily at home in order to embark on a Ulyssean quest in the interior of "dark" Africa. During this quest the past min-

ples with the present to haunt him, and he finds himself compelled by his desciny to aid the placid African tribe of Arnewicow people in ridding their drinking water of a plague of frogs. He does this by blowing up the frogs, but finds that he has, in the process, blown out

has, in the process, blown out the cistern holding the water

and has left the populace (human and animal) to lan-guish and perhaps die, since it

is a time of severe drought. Remorseful, Henderson packs

The bald allegory of this tale

crushes the opera, for Kirchner the librerist has none of

up and pushes on.

out redemption.

had set himself.

Kirchner has tried to shift the focus to some extent on to

Lily (the title was changed be-

to a performance of Liszt's 12
Transcendental Studies, played
straight through without a
break It was a dangerous exer-

London debuts

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stab at Saul Bellow

American novels are having cause of contractual difficulties

tough times on the operatic with a movie version of the stage. Last autumn in San novel), and ends the work with

or would it be of such tran-scendent mastery as to leave one groping helplessly after computer would have said the adequate superlatives?

No. In the event, only duty kept me watching to the end of this dreary, subtly unpleasant hour and a quarter. I was made

neither to care about the pro-tagonists, nor to wonder what would become of them. For what Prizhett had written, and Hussein directed, was little better than a woman's weepie. The fastidious camera work, the eloquent silences, the auguished flashbacks, the heavily charged stumblings and fumblings were merely trappings to a story which was both banal and, in the form in which it was presented, improbable.

an operatic scena for her. This

out personality and, more

demonstrates a mastery in assi-

can chants with a vocal line

influenced by Kirchner's dis-covery of early bel canto operas. This and the introductory or-

chestral and tape section, set-

ting the African scene, form the strongest aspects of the

work and those who have heard the excerpt recorded several years ago will know

the highlights of the opera.

same. He did not know yet, of course (though his lusting hand strayed prophetically over the offending organ) and when he was finally alerted to the truth he first threw a fit and then, realizing her misery, objected to the truth the first threw as the strain her property. obligingly turned up numps and loved her for herself. All this would have been

fine had Mary Peach been asked to evince either wit, warmth, vivacity, pathos or even a proclivity towards shared interests. She had, after towards all, to attract him. But what the sensitive, blind lawyer would have been aware of was a hard-bitten, rather artificial person who scorned his love for classical music, and with whom he would have had little in common except sex.

While his feelings for her had no apparent basis in reality, hers were expressed, at the play's grand emotional climax, in lines of plantadinous familiarity. "Humiliation—you don't know what the word means!" A minute or two of that and I really did not care if her mock suicide attempt came off-though with that cosy little pool and those even cosier little menservants, death

Harsher things yet could, also, he said of this production —of the spurious suspense, for example, which was generated by apparently sinister signific-ances which finally named out to be irrelevant but they would serve no purpose. This was less a play than an ambi-

by drowning seemed a rather ambitious goal

Women at War

Alan Coren

New York City Opera's spring disastrous, without any enunseason. The opera (words and
music) is the first written by

Lean Kirchner for many and

Out personality and, more
disastrous, without any enunciational ability. Not a dozen
words she sang could be dis-Thus the astonishing Mairi Chishalm, going back 60 years to the Western Front on which Leon Kirchner, for many years cerned during the evening.
on the music faculty at Har-Kirchner's music combines she and her redoubtable partner Elsie Knocker were the on the music faculty at Har-vard University and one of the best-known American com-posers.

All that the music faculty at Har-speech, singing, orchestral and recorded music and electronic sounds. Here the composer only women tending wounded. But if the gutsy nonchalance of that exchange seems to betoken madcap Edwartian tomboys milation of disparate sounds. His writing for the African rejoicing in the romp to end all romps, it belies totally all those qualities they brought tribe, and particularly for the sisters Mtalba and Willatale eisters Mtalba and Willatale (well sung by Geanie Faulkner and Joy Blackett), is a mellif-luous blending of pseudo-Afri-

endurance. For neither their concern nor their perception was partisan. They seemed to have viewed the war, and perhaps as women they were bound to have viewed it thus, with a poignant objec-tivity, a mature and sensitive ewareness of what was and was of its futility that, while less embittered than that of articulate male combatants, was no

Tom O'Horgan (famous for his flamboyant stage productions in New York—notably Hair—and his Tropens in Vienna) sought to enliven the text by filling the stage with eye-carching thearrical devices. These included the use of motion pictures and slides (of Africa and America) called for by the composer, cutout photo-graphs of differing sizes of larger-than-life heads (for a cocktail party sequence), gauze streamers and the like. His un-derstated visual metaphor for the explosion was paracularly effective (one expected the inevitable mushroom cloud). But the theatricalism of the staging worked against the interior quality of Henderson's personal auguish—his blind

the assurance of Kirchner the composer, and none of the subtlety and command of Bel-low the novellist. In the book, Henderson the flesh-and-blood person dominates by his very outsized striving. The episode with the Arnewi takes its subordinate place and is followed by Henderson's confrontiarents. attempts to come to some understanding of himself and his life through action. And nothing helped the clumsiness twich by tienderson's columnication with the Lion King, which is central to the novel. In the opera, Henderson, as portrayed by Ara Berberian, rants and postures his way through the events like some of several of Kirchner's scenes (especially a grievously mis-judged slapstick seduction scene). George Shirley's talents were megaphone gone wild, and remains stubbornly inchoate as person or symbol—a biock-headed Ugly American, with-

largely wasted in the minor role of Henderson's guide Romilayu, and Benjamin Matthews acted and sang a strong (and superbly amired) Prince Itelo. The composer conducted.

One might expect a pupil of in his playing of the "Prelu the technique to be a more in some Brahms folksongs and

Leon Kirschner has a | All right on the Western Front

Francisco Wallace Stegner's an operatic scena for her. This Angle of Repase, set by does not work both because Andrew Imbrie, received Henderson, witless or not, mixed notices. Earlier this occupies centre stage, and month Saul Bellow's Henderson because Susan Belling, who son the Rain King, retitled plays Lily, possesses a pinpoint Lily had its first performance soprano correct for the high at the New York State Theatre, tessitura of the role but with-"There were these things going fizz all round us, and I said: 'Hey, those are bullers!' and Mrs Knocker said: 'Don't I know it!'"

beyond their courage and their

less moving for the absence of involved anger.

Gabrieli Quartet St John's/Radio 3

Joan Chissell

Shostakovich waited till he was 32 and Brahms till he was 40 before giving the world their first string quartets. But though uncommonly sturdy in craftsmanship as a result, the common, as the Gabrieli String Quartet made abundantly clear when pairing them in their lunci-time recital broadcast from St John's on Monday.

Shostakovich causioned us not to look for "any particular depths" in his No 1 of 1938, which he even confessed to hav-ing started as an exercise until the joy of creation took over and transformed it not some thing redolent of childbood and spring. The Gabrielis successfully blended freshness and frankness with keenly pointed detail. Only in the Scherzo did their breatiless tempo (faster than the metronome marking) sound too fast for clarity— Itelo. The composer though this mattered less in the simpler trio, and, in fact, gave it quite a swing. In the quasi slow movement they were

Thus Mairi Chisholan on carrying cocoa to a Belgian sentry, only to find that having sentry, only to find that having walked a few yards beyond him into the night, she had fetched up against his German counter-part: "I offered him some cocoa, because there was plenty. It was richculous. It was too

silly for words."
Time and again in the old lady's reminiscences, this graphic succinciness saruck with a shock that made the neck-hairs rise. "It was just a turnip field, but it was littered with bayoner-

Among the bloody chaos of the Western Front, these two extraordinary women seem to have moved like umbassadors of samity, and if I have one quit with this otherwise invaluable piece of social archaeology, it is over the tenor of the pro-gramme which sought I felt to see their example in purely political terms.

The Two Women of Pervyse may well have been a corner-stone of female emancipation and, as such, may have helped men to see the error of their sexual arrogance. But Mairi Chisholm and Elsie Knocker brought more than an economic ge back from Flanders, and it is an immeasurably more important female contribution. Especially since it continues to be ignored.

arguably a little too full and forward in the pianissimo plunge into E major, but in general it was an exuberantly imaginative performance banishing all memory of the worlds

an orchestra rather than just for strings to upheld them. Here-the Gabrielis preferred truth to beauty; they were prepared to risk a touch of saridency in climates rather than satrifice any of the music's releaseless drive. In the finale filey tould nevertheless have allowed themselves a little more tranquillity in the second subject.

In the two middle move-ments Brahms is kinder and gentler. The Romanze brought nice give and take in passing round and listening to the first time, and poignant, learning phrasing in the second. Even if counter-themes sometimes stole the ear in the Allegretto, here the players managed to remind us of Brahms's preference for slenderer, more fanciful, Scherzos as the years remind went by.

Paul Griffiths

Roger Woodward to have a dio "that this was going to be taste for extravagant programming, but still it seemed strange that Alan Kogosowski should have devoted his recital to a performance of Liszt's 12 Transcendental Studies, played straight through without a break, It was a dangerous exerbreak it was a dangerous exercise, for a solid hour of Liszt
at his most grandiose might have seemed about 50
minutes too much. But in the
event it came off, and Mr
Kogosowski proved that he has
the style to match the boldness
and challenge of the task he
had set himself.

logy. In the calmer or more at the start in her performance
of some songs by Alessandro
Scarlatti, were never complete
ly overcome, though they
seemed due more to lack of
confidence than to any failing
in technique. The real diffithe Italian springs of Liszt's
culty was that Miss Rosenwald
is essentially an opera singer:
her voice took on life only
when she could imagine some sensitive interpretations of the varied Goethe songs, which more than made up for the diminished imagination who displayed in her choice of standard lieder. To confound easy categorization, however, she showed that she has access to the delicacy and pure vision ad ser himself. weird perspectives of the come when she could imagine some of Co Straight away he announced poser's forms. Certainly he has character behind the song, as songs. of Cooland's Emily Dickinson

The Passion Cottesloe

Irving Wardle

According to my dpy of the York Mystery Plays the Pas-sion episode was contributed by pinners, painters, and burchers, and this is the kind of company you rub shoulders with at the Cottesloe, along with helmeted miners and a solitary West Indian in London Transport

uniform -The interior has been gurred, and theatrical lighting teplaced with a suspended array of oil heaters, lanterns, sieves and food graters, each adding its flickering orange glow to the general illusion of warm tandle. light.

With the Albion Dance Band inviting you to clap along with rustic numbers and men bers of the troupe button holing unwary spectators to tell them the good news, you are free to wander about through the un-seated throng or sample the view from the two upper evels, observing the heraldic display of darts-boards, the plaster bakery samples adorning the area marked out as the Last Supper, and other details of William Dudley's design. If the floor is bare, the walls riveal not an inch of undecounted

space.
The programme for Bill Bryden and Sebastian Graiam. Jones's production cites the York cycle as a "vivid reminder of the possibility of people's theatre". An undisputable but empty claim, implying the theatre's capacity to build a sense of community from sense of community from scratch. And once you have scratch. And once you have adjusted to the atmosphere, he opening plays come as and chimax. In spite of the fok song additions, the switches effocus all over the house, and strongly characterized performs ances like Oliver Cotton's brusque Judas and Richard Johnson's tipsily lord mayoral Pilate, there is no great human addition to Christian legend. The events come and go, roundly articulated in strong

roundly articulated in strong northern voices, but serving more to cover the ground than to plant anything new. Mingling at floor level, I discovered, is no advantage. Only from the top gallery do you get any general view of what is going on, and register the spectators beneath as mobile decor (thus fulfilling a dream of the (thus fulfilling a dream of the National Theatre's architect). The crucifixion itself is a different matter, as here we are in the hands of a poet and entering a world that exists independent of Christian refering ence. A man-is being treated as an object by a group of craftsmen, whose descendants might proudly have inscribed their tradename on the Beson overs. The nails are firmly clouded through Mark McManus's hands and feet amid

talk about pay and defective workmanship. Here Tony Harrison's new text comes into its own. "At first was it made over wid-/ That makes it wave, thou mayest well wit." Compare that coupler on the cross from the 1957 text with Mr Harrison's version: "'im as made mortice made it too wide/That's why

it waves, ye gormless git."

Mr Harrison also knows when to leave the York realist well alone: "Yea. Let him hang there still/And make mows at the moon." There will be extra matinees of the production at 5.00 pm today and tomorrow.

Welsh National Opera New, Cardiff

Kenneth Loveland

By common consent, the Weisl National Offera's production the Midsummer Marriage is one of the finest enterprises in the company's 31 years, a zestful realization of Tippen's vision in all its stimulating aspects. Not the least part of the achievement has been to attract near-capacity andiences on a long tour of the English

provinces.

Returned home to Cardiff New Thearre, it seemed to have lost home of its vitality. If the tour had been tring, it did not show, least of all in the inspired shing eld memory of the works exercise origins.

For Brahms C iminer was as highly charged a key as for Beethoven. The first and last by constant performance, cermovements of his No. 1 are times demand an orchestra rather than just for strings to upheld them. Here the Cabrielis preferred truth to dances. dances.
Cast changes brought no

Cast changes brought no more than a minimal lowering of temperature. Julian Moyle's otherwise well-chought King Fisher just missed the final cuming edge of menace, Anne Colline's Sosostris was not antirely consistent, but Felicity Lott's Jenifer was all gain, a sindy coloured by quite magical feeling for the nature of Tippent's personal lyricism, the line eloquenty floated. Mary Davies's appealing Bella. Davies's appealing Bella, Arabur Davies's ardent Jack, John Treleaven's Mark, and the well-balanced ancients of Mau-reen Guy and Paul Hudson all repeated their original impact-Re-staged by Jonathan Clift, Orpheus in the Underworld took more positive direction than before, tighter and more disciplined. It introduced to cardiff opera audiences Helen Field, winner of last year's Young Welsh Singer Award, and clearly an artist to watch. Her Eurydice was radiantly sung and acred, suggesting an ex-pressive singer in the making, and one able to respond keenly to production, Julian Smith conducted a performance in which there were refinements as well

as sourit In Il trovatore, the well tired team of Elizabeth Vaughan, Janet Coster, Kenneth Collins and Terence Sharpe gave passionate accounts of Verdi's purple patches, and here and these 2 beautiful one of 2 quester noment (Mr. Sharpe's "I balen", for example). All thony Hose conducted with vigour, though ensemble was

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The Passion

'Motor' magazine described it "one of the world's most beautiful production cars of all time, a verdict any motorist would be hard pushed to disagree with. All the more difficult then to believe that the elegant lines of the Citroen GX Pallas owe little to aesthetic consideration and much to the influence of practical requirements.

> LOOKS ARENT **EVERYTHING**

Aerodynamically designed, the sleek shape of the CX offers minima resistance to the wind. As you'd expect this helps improve performance and contributes in no small measure to the car's 112 mph top speed. Less expectedly, the wind cheating design also results in greater fuel economy with the CX Pallas returning a pleasantly astonishing 34 mpg at a constant 55 mph.

an almost uninterrupted band of windows (which eliminate blind spots. The large concave rear window, apart from contributing handsomely to the appearance of the Pallas, was actually designed to deflect rain and afford a wider field of view And don't mistake the single front windscreen wiper for a piece of design indulgence; it sweeps a broader area

Clear panoramid vision is achieved with

than the conventional pair.

irregularities and power-returns to a straight line position immediately the steering wheel is released.

Ergonomically designed seats give back and leg support and the front seats are fully adjustable. Seats, together with suspension, help eliminate long distance driving fatigue. Citroen's famed self-levelling hydropneumatic suspension has won such universal acclaim that Citroen aficionados are apt to assume the general motoring public is thoroughly familiar with it. But it bears repeating that there is no more comfortable suspension system on any car anywhere in the world.

C-matic transmission is an optional extra on the CX Pallas. It eliminates the clutch pedal, transmission being acheived by use of a torque converter fluid coupling with automatic operation.

LOOKS ARENT

Safety in relation to cars must be judged on two levels. How the car behaves in an accident and how the car behaves in helping you avoid accidents. On both counts the Citroen CX stands out as one of the safest cars in the world.

Collapsible zones in the CX body shell are designed to absorb impact in a collision. The profiles of the door interiors follow the shape of the human body. There

hard projections inside the car and foam padding has been used extensively to cushion any unexpected blows.

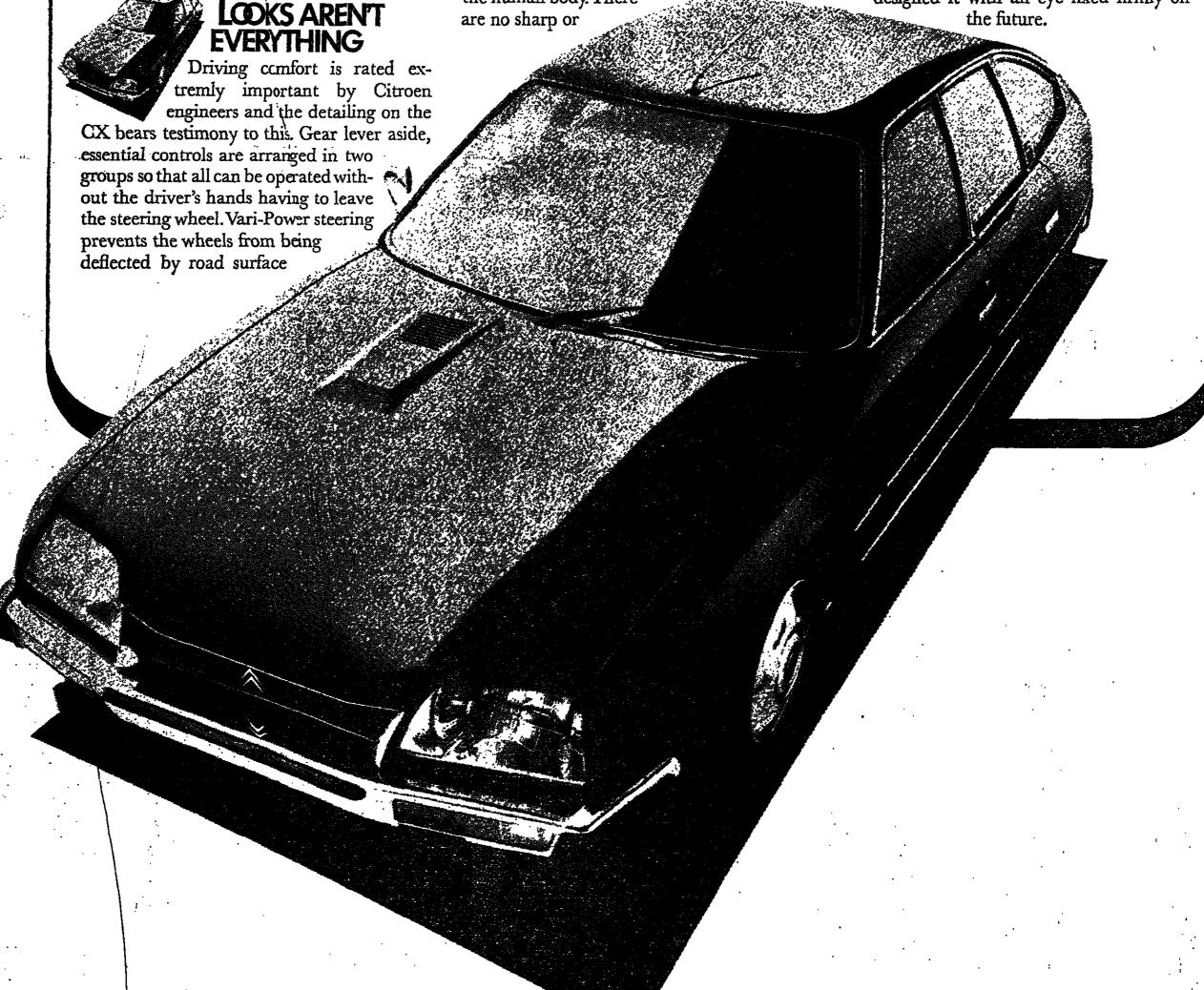
But far better to avoid an accident than survive one. The steering, handling and roadholding of the Citroen CX are superb. An example to give you some idea of what it's like: imagine you have a blowout on the motorway worse still, imagine a wheel comes adrift. Citroen's self-levelling hydropneumatic suspension holds up the car so it can continue travelling in a straight line on three wheels.

EVERYTHING Features still offered as options on many luxury cars are standard on the CX Pallas: fitted speakers and aerial, reclining front seats with headrests and electrically operated front window winders. In addition, a special tectyl underbody protection is applied to all Citroen CX models sold in Britain.

LOOKS AREN'T

Having come this far to demonstrate that the Citroen CX is functional in both concept and design, it must also be admitted that the whole appearance of the car is decidedly futuristic. But even this has a practical objective. When a car is so obviously built to be around for many years to come it would have been impractical to say the least, not to have

designed it with an eye fixed firmly on the future.



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The professor and a scoundrel called Sir Edmund

Regius Professor of Modern modern times is The Quest for small but not unimportant Ristory in the University of Corvo (Professor Trevor-Roper corner of modern history. History in the University of History in the University of makes clear that he had that book much in mind in writing through the British customs his own, which does indeed have two large typescript volumes of a large number of affinities the most appalling obscenity, with it), but in a different way entrusted to his keeping in mysterious circumstances on Basel airport, is one which, whatever else it may prove to contain, ing read it. I never want to can hardly fail to be interest- read another word on that tireing. I have a very high regard for Professor Trevor-Roper, but I cannot entirely suppress my disappointment at the lack of vigilance displayed by the friends who put it beside my customs on this occasion, for bed), but that I find it imposthe thought of the incredulity, sible to imagine anything more shame and horror with which the professor would have been of such books that I have read on the subject. And the best of such books that I have read on the subject. overcome, on being asked what was in the parcel and obligingly opening it so that custodian and traveller might examine it together is too delightful to be consigned to the might-havebeens of history without real

But if the story implied by these circumstances must be interesting, much the same, if not more, has to be said of the two volumes which the professor, heedless of the provisions of Section 42 of the Customs Consolidation Act 1876 and Section 320 of the Customs and Excise Act 1952, brought, all unknowing, into the country, and unpacked beneath the very windows of Bodley's Library; if you doubt me, consider that tion (accompanied by the most exhaustive and elaborate details) that their author had had carnal relations with, among many dozens of others, the Dowager Empress of China, Paul Verlaine and Lord Rose-

The author was Sir Edmund Backhouse: Professor Trevor-Roper's book about him, A Hid-den Life (published by Macmil-lan), has been widely and enthusiastically reviewed, but I see no reason why that should inhibit me from expressing my own pleasure in a book which is not merely entertaining but that, against the odds, he will as scholarly and elegant as any manage to shake off the purthing the professor has done. suers.
As it happens, A Hidden Life is does.
an example of a kind of book

But which I particularly enjoy, no doubt for deeply buried psychological reasons; it tells a story that is complete, or as nearly so as human ingenuity can wake it. Books with titles like "Power: A Study", or "The Influence of the Eighteenth Century on the Nineteenth", or "Greece and Rome" may be fascinating in their way, but they are not fascinating in this way; it is eternally impossible World War, an astonishing por-to say the last word on such trait of G. E. ("Chinese") Morsubjects, to answer every quesbooks, generally studies of an episode or an individual, can draw a circle round their subject and leave the reader satis- who here turns out to be ruth-fied that nothing of value or less, unscrupolous and rather interest about it remains out more than half mad), and a

Professor Quentin Bell's magnificent biography of Virginia Woolf can equally serve as a model: it is not just that, havsome woman (as a matter of fact I never wanted to read ony word on her, and was virtually tricked into reading the book while staying in the house of

> Ruthless, unscrupulous and more than half mad

So it is with Edmund Backhouse and the Regius Professor's entirely successful Quest for him. And it is not just my hankering after completeness that the book satisfies; it must surely be welcome to anyone with enough romanticism to appreciate the story of a man who was a flamboyant and uproarious scoundrel, a fantasist and liar on a colossal scale, a thief, forger, fraud and pornographer, but who was in addi-tion to all this an outstandingly gifted linguist, a genuine scho lar, in some wavs near 15 genius, and above all a man for whom the reader cannot help conceiving an enormous sympathy and affection. Every time he is in yet another scrape from which extrication seems imposthe track as he staggers by, cheering him on and hoping suers. Fear nothing: he always

But A Hidden Life has an extra justification, and that the most important of all. Irrespective of the subject, it is an excellent book: Professor Trevor-Roper not only marshals and presents a great deal of very complicated information in an admirably clear and wellordered manner, he also gives us a memorable picture of China from the end of the nineteenth century to the Second rison, for many years the rekite correspon newspaper, who became a legend in his own lifetime and has remained one since (and

(Well, he is Regius Professor

of it.) Backhouse led the life of a sinologist (he finally "went native" altogether), collector, translator, scholar and (of the Bodleian) immensely munificent benefactor: he also served as the agent of a shipping com-pany and of the British Government. Unfortunately, especially for his clients, he lived simul taneously in a world of fantasy inventing adventures, exploits and achievements on an enormous scale, then finding himself obliged to invent more and more details to keep the tower of lies from toppling over. Such singled out Backhouse was the variety, eminence and ability of those whom he utterly deceived. Indeed, with the exception of Chinese Morrison (and that is by no means certain) and Professor Trevor-Roper, who after all has the benefit of the cyidence, he seems to have de-ceived everybody with whom he came into contact. His most hilarious escapade took place during the First World War, when he was entrusted by the British Government with the delicate task of acquiring from the Chinese, and shipping, a huge quantity of guns and ammunition, desperately needed in Europe: at various stages, story involved Lloyd George, Kitchener and the King. From Peking, Backhouse sent a conrinuous account of the appalling difficulties he was experiencing in collecting and conveying the arms, under the very noses of Chinese authorities (who had to be kep officially out of the business, of how he man-aged, again and again, to tri-

for the simple truth was that there were no such arms and never had been; the whole enterprise existed only in his amazingly fertile brain. That episode was typical of Backhouse's whole life, and Professor Trevor-Roper's hand-ling of it is typical of his whole book: the reader is throughout amused, amazed and enthralled, and increasingly grateful to the Swiss scientist who so nearly got the Regius Professor into such embarrassing trouble at Heathrow. But let the pro-fessor have the last word:

umph over some new obstacle, of how, the ships in which the

weapons were to be transported

having been diverted, he was working night and day to square

the officials with power to release them. On and on it went, with the Government get-

ting more and more impatient, and Backhouse offering more

and more elaborate explana-tions of the delays. They had to be elaborate by that time.

There we may leave Sir Edmund Backhouse; the spendthrift aesthete of the 1890s who became the sino-logue and recluse of the next century, the spiritual fascist of the Second World War: the brilliant linewist who used his gifts to diddle successive patrons; the enchanter whose heads of businessmen and diplomats; the collector whose generosity enriched his old university and who in-explicably abandoned his own papers to meaningless destruction: the secret war-time agent who led his own government on a ludicrous wild-goose chase: the scholar who created a "masterpiece" of historical writing and produced a masterpiece of for-

Before Dr Magnus Pyke opened an exhibition of United States

electronics at the US Trade Center in London yesterday,

there was concern about whether he had been afforded

enough space. But the armwaving star of radio, television and science was forced to hold his notes in his right hand, leaving only his left free for

For a scientist, he is oddly ill-at-ease with modern tech-

nology. The benefits of the two

microphones placed in front of him were largely sacrificed,

since he was constantly whirling his head from side to side as

All the same, he thoroughly approves of scientific advance. "We are in a new era", he cried excitedly. "We are like

the Bronze Age people going into the Iron Age."

Warming to his theme, he declared: "We ain't seen nothing yet. This is the beginning of a revolution." Modern

electronics would soon render

postal deliveries obsolete, and electricity would soon be re-placed by "protons of light moving along these lovely, lovely little glass fibres".

Then he made a short tour of

the exhibition, which seemed chiefly to consist of tiny printed

circuits, some so small that they

had to be examined by micro-

scopes. Pyke enjoyed doing that,

but when I peered through the leases I found the result more

baffling than when I examined

One welding machine had

steam rising from it and looked

like a laundry. There was a

wiring analyser system shaped like a space age toast rack. One

the stuff with the naked eye.

gen; the ghost-writer who created a whole world of ghosts; the mystery man, the callierapher, the pornographer. However he may be judged, he was, in his self-expression, an original, C Times Newspapers Ltd, 1977

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In our ciries we are fast denation that ever existed." veloping two nations, the inner " Which nation?" asked the city and the outer city, with younger stranger. "For she the inner city suffering from reigns over two." increasing unemployment, in-

stranger paused; Egremont was silent, but looked inquiringly.
"Yes", resun

infancy '

resumed younger stranger after a moment's interval. "Two nations: between there is no intercourse and no sympathy; who are as ignorant of each other's habits, thoughts, and feel-ings, as if they were dwelfers in different zones, or inhabitants of different planets; who are formed by a different breeding, are fed by a different food, are ordered by different manners, and are not governed by the same laws".

'You speak of . said Egremont, hesitatingly.
"THE RICH AND THE

This extract from Disraeli's novel Sybil written more than 100 years ago illustrates vividly Disraeli's appreciation of the dangers of two nations, one rich and one poor, and indeed it was the creation of the one nation theme that was his unique contribution to the Tory tradition. Nearly a century later, in spite of the benefits of technology, we still have "two notions" and it should still be

"Well, society may be in its the main purpose of the Tory infancy", said Egremont, Party to create one. Slightly smilling, "but, say We have two nations where are needed to secure a socially conflict is often more apparent responsible capitalism; under than partnership. ities which do exist must be seen to contribute to the pub-lic welfare and therefore not to be unreasonable.

A clear message for the Tories

Perhaps one of the biggest changes must come in endeavouring to obtain a genuine redistribution of capital. We need to return to lain Macleod's ideal of a capital-owning democracy. The socialist concept of the redistribution of wealth is to take away from the wealthy and thereafter to have that wealth administered the politician and the bureaucrat, supposedly on behalf of the public at large: the Conservative approach should be to my to redistribute.

wealth so that more individual

people have a stake in society.

policies that should be pursued by the Conservative Party so This means looking objectively at our existing taxation system and asking whether it is fair that over the coming decade and in accordance with the much could be done to create one nation in those areas of various contributions that are made to our industrial success. our society where divisiveness Nineteenth century capitalism consisted largely of industrial concerns in which the propriedescribe these unifying policies tor and the manager were one, so that the rewards given to as being to the left of the Conservative Party. In reality successful proprietors were also rewards to the managers. This is no longer the position, the real defender of individual freedom and of the preserva-

for in many industries the proof directors who rarely have a new industrial society where more than a small stake, if technology benefits man and

any, in the company they manage. Our taxtion system should be changel so that the rewards of successful manage with our Wester alliance with our Wester alliance rewards of successful proprie itage. From the economic torship.

We must also examine the quality of urbal life that nature of the wellth currently controlled by politicians and bureaucrats to se how much of it can be transferred to. individuals. In the field of public housing a/ bureaucracy supervises third of the people of this country, who have become permaneut tenants. The nationalized industries were created because of the prigidal desire of socialists to have workers controlling industry instead of a few privileged owners. They have generated, as me can now see, less rather that more of a feeling of participation. These are spheres in which there can be a worthwhile and exciting

redistribution of wealth from the politician and the bureau crat to the individual As a nation se are heavily in debt, we are suffering from inefficiencies is management and from overmanning and restrictive practices, and we have failed to dominate any of the major world narkets. We are now confronted with perhans our lest opportunity for revi-

We must follow a new inter prietor and the manager are national strategy based upon not synonymous. Our major in the realities of a fast transdustrial concerns have boards forming world. We must create

brings man enjoyment in place of anguish and anxiety. I believe that the proposals have made for the future industrial relations for the vast transfer of the could house one estates of Britain to the this tenants, and for the improvement of urban life a policies that will be really eaningful to that great majors of our people who live in lars, and semi-detached houses and who work in factories at offices and who collectively by their efforts see that a naon fails or succeeds.

> Through two centries the Tory Party has invited a remarkable tradition, in tradition expressed and raluated by Edmund Burke, injamin Distacki, Joseph Chalberlain and Harold Macmillands is a tradition that deserately strives for the creation of one nation, that rejects dagerous doctrines; it is a tradition that Britain needs to turn totoday more urgently than

> > Peter Wiker

The author's book The of Britain will be published by Sidgwick & Jackson (6.50)

Will Turkey's strategic importance persuade Congress to lift the arms embargo?

The American arms embargo imposed on Turkey in the wake of the Cyprus invasion more than two years ago, has impaired the country's military effectiveness to such a degree that the Turks are determined to revise their detence policies, whatever the results of next June's general election.

Although Turkish leaders refuse to admit it, they realize that today there is no practical alternative to their country's military dependence on the United States. They find this so intolerable that they threaten to make their defence commitment to the West proportional to the military aid How severely the Turkish

military machine was hurt by the American arms embargo was revealed by General Alex-auder Haig, the Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, before the United States Senate Armed Services Committee on March 1. He said that the Turkish Air Force "is today operating at an efficiency of less than 50 per cent of its former capability".

A knowledgeable American source said: "At one point the embargo was almost obscene. They could not fly a plane because they could not get a \$3-cartridge for the seatreceiving one-half of what they need."

Turkey has been receiving about \$125m worth of credits a year for military purposes in the United States, but she is not allowed to buy United States arms or spares, even on a straight cash basis, because of the embargo. In any case the country's foreign exchange position is so weak to allow it to do that or look for alternative sources of supply. As a result "scrounging" is widely prac-tised in the armed forces. It was in order to remedy

this situation that the United States-Turkish Defence Cooperation Agreement (DCA) was concluded in Washington just over 13 months ago. But its ratifica-tion, which would have ter-minated the now partial embargo, was delayed by the presidential elections and held

up by congressional opposition. However, as one highly-placed official in Ankara pur in From the moment (President) Carter rook over, the clock started ticking away."

The Turkish leaders regard the changeover in the Washing-ton administration with pro-found mistrust. They were annoyed by President Carter's decision to send the Clifford mission on a fact-finding tour to help him reassess United States policy in this region. They now know that, as a result of the Clifford report, President Carter, though he is willing to support the total lifting of the embargo, will not ask Congress to ratify the DCA until Turkey, as promised to Mr Clifford, makes substantial steps rowards a Cyprus settlement, after the Turkish election.

Until then the President proposes to increase United States military aid credits to Turkey to about \$225m, which is almost the annual sum of aid placed under the DCA. In this way Turkey would not appear to be taking action on Cyprus under pressure, while the move could ilso bolster Premier Demirel's electoral chances. It is still uncertain how Congress will react to this compromise.

The link between the ratificairritates the Turkish leaders. Mr Ihsan Sabri Caglayangil, the Turkish Foreign Minister, told me: "It would be the wrong approach for Congress to judge the bilateral relations of the two countries in the context of the development of the Cyprus situation. In fact, this approach has already proved to be counter-productive."

Turkish officials argue that the embargo, more than anything else, contributed to the Cyprus deadlock, because Tur-key is far too proud to be seen yielding under pressure. The Greeks insist that Turkey was compelled to make the present overtures in Cyprus under pressure from the embargo and in the hope of inducing the United States to rescind it.

Western diplomats in Ankara say there is no doubt that the



Mr Ihsan Sabri Caglayangil : a wrong approach.

made it clear to the politicians that they would like to see Turkey's military commitment in Cyprus reduced. More than sitting practically on the door-that the Turkish leadership step of the Soviet Union". can now count on the support But the Turkish government case the problem of Cyprul is the DCA is approved, relations solved along the lines how with the United States under discussion

decision on the arms mbargo will become more ugent in view of early elections in Turkey.
In the opinion of Western

observers if the DCA is not ship document" between the approved by Congress the two countries, are pointers in American bases in Turkey will that direction.

Turkish military, who have to be shut and the personnel dis-live with the consequences of missed. They point out that the arms embargo, have already even if the Americans have developed alternative sources of intelligence, they can hardly be effective substitutes to "bases

never be the same again. They A crucial question is whether indicate that Turkey's defence the United States will want to relations will be revised so that indicate that Turkey's defence use its influence also to induce the country's contribution to a settlement of Greek-Turkish Nato should be in proportion to disputes in the Aegean that are her domestic financial capabilipotentially more explosive than ties and the level of assistance Cyprus. One American source received from the West. \
said: "Nato cohesion comes The revision would \also lirst. Therefore all the probinvolve the rapid development lems are taken together. It is of a domestic arms industry to ridiculous to allow lesser issues reduce dependence on foreign to control the major one of sources of supply. Above all, Western defence." But it is they add, it would involve a clear that the Aegean will take drastic improvement of relations with the countries on Turkey's periphery to establish fronts of peace and diminish the risks of conflict. Mr Caglay angil's recent visit to Moscow and the plan to sign a "friend "that undermine Nato unity in

Most Nato observers in Ankara agree that in the log term, Turkey, a country with a six-billion-dollar all-America military infrastructure, has o practical alternative today o its link with the United State even if the DCA is rejected These observers, howeve, offer on the nature of Turkey; short-term reactions to a reject

"Turkey's western orientation is not emotional", one Western diplomat told me. "I: awareness of where the practical awareness of where the country's real interest lies. No serious politician here believes in the possibility of substituting Russia for the United States or taking Soviet arms? taking Soviet arms.

Another qualified Western observer suggested that Turkey might, in a short-term outburst for the rejection of the DCA, leave the West, go neutral, turn to the Atabs, or even court Moscow. "They can do unerpected things, like out the role to spite the face, especially in a pre-election period. The feeling would be one of being let down by the West which is pro-Greek, so they might as well turn back to Islam or anyone else."

This would burt the West, this source explained, because "Turkey has the biggest army in Nato after the sitting right on the Soviet border and controlling a viral geographical position. The United States contributes the bases in this area and the might of the Sixth Fleet. This creates an entity that is a major element in the world strategic balance. And there is no way to avoid taking this into account.

The Turkish leaders appreciate this line of thought which tallies with their own assessment of Turkey's value to the West. Their main concers now is to convince Washington's congressional sceptics whose price for acknowledging this role for Turkey is her substantial contribution to the elimination of the causes of friction this region.

Mario Modiano

is worried about Joe He's 78, and lives, sleeps and cooks in one horribly damp

Hattie Jacques

He says life's harder than during his service in the 1914 war, because then there were pals to talk to. Now he's crippled and "nearly round the bend with lonekness, not a ruddy soul to talk to, and no chance to get out." I know what needs doing: a Day Centre in Joe's district and a minibus to pick him up. For it can't be right for him to live that lonely life, can it?

There are lots of other Joes, and Janes, with this kind of constant heartache in old age. Help the Aged is doing all it can—but lack of money holds up them and their volunteers from helping many who need just this kind of practical from helping many who need just this kind of practical from helping many who need just this kind of practical from helping many who need just this kind of practical from helping many who need just this kind of practical from helping many who need just this kind of practical from the practical tical friendship, both at home and abroad.

Join me and give a band to someone who needs it. £5 can bring practical help to another lonely person. £30 helps provide a Geriatric Day Hospital.

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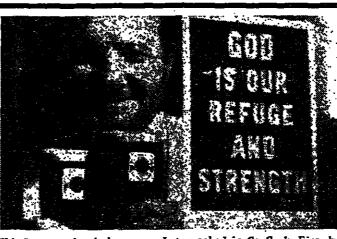
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The Times Diary

Dr Pyke and the brave new era



This happy pair of signs was photographed in Co Cork, Eire, by Mrs W. Wood of South Windsor, Ontario.

lated pad" and the "haywire bread board". Having had to make two attempts the previous evening to repair a simple fuse, I fear I may not be able to handle the brave new electronic era at

Green blues

My reservations about complex technology were confirmed when the first public performance in London of the most advanced music yet played by pot plants proved a disappointment of the Royal College of like a space age toast rack. One ment at the Royal College of manufacturer advertised "the perfect probe that does not were problems still to be damage the slice" and even Pyke was baffled by the "iso which was supposed to analyse

the electrical currents between the plants' cells and use them to generate rhythms and harmonies through synthesizer. As a result the audience heard only some rather amateurish bongo-drumming and crackling, which made it sound as if the orchestra of performing plants

were still only tuning up.

John Lifton, who devised
what he calls Green Music,
explained that he has completely computerized the system since he first showed it at the Whitechapel Art Gallery two years ago. "It should enable the plants' perception of their environment to produce much more structured, rhythmic and melodic music". he said, "when it is working".

Another change is that he now allows no prima donnas among the aspidistras. Whereas previously the electrodes in one plant's stem had control of one instrumental part of the music, it is now entirely a group effort, with the electrical signals from all the plants mixed jogether.

Plants are sensitive musicians. They give much livelier per-formances, for instance, where there is an audience about. Heat, sounds and light stimulate them, but sudden shocks—like watering or having their leaves stroked in mid-concerto— silence them completely. Lifton, who built the improved

sound system for the plant band so that they could appear in a feature film made in Hollywood, is next taking the equipment to a musical festival in Zagreb. The London gloxinias and philo-dendrons will not get a chance to perfect their arpeggios there, though. Yugoslavs are to be invited to bring in their own house plants to play their favourite pieces.

Good looking

Political caricature is not what it was. When 20 MPs were presented with original cartoons of themselves in a cordial cere-mony at the Speaker's House yesterday all but one professed unalloyed pleasure in what they saw. The exception was Angus Maude, Conservative MP for Stratford on Ayon, whose picture made him look like a distempered frog.

Maude, not managing even then to look quite as bad-tempered as the portrait represented bun, insisted he was not complaining. But his was the only unkind caricature so far to have appeared on the front of The House Magazine, the non-party journal for whose cover the sketches were originally commissioned.

looked "sweet and gentle, com-pletely in character". David Steel, applogetically, wanted his changed, because the cartoonist had mis-spelt his constituency's name. He refused an offer to have his nose tidied up at the

Indefinable

When the publishers of the Oxford English Dictionary responded to pressure and modified their definition of the opprobrious meaning of "Jew", I fear they started something. Now the other side, represented by the Council for the Advancement of Arab-British Under-ment of Arab-British Under-standing, have succeeded in having changes made to the definitions of "Palestinian" and "Jerusalem" in the Con-cise Oxford Dictionary. From the definition of the first, the publishers will hence forth omit "(person) seeking w

forth omit " (person) seeking to displace Israelis from Pales tine". And from the second, they have obliterated the reference to Jerusalem being in Israel. Our object always is to gve

a totally unbiased definition", explained a spokeswoman from Oxford University Press. everyone will agree that hey have attained that object in this case. Where will it all enc?

Roll up

Even the Swiss are cashing in on the Silver Jubilee. It an act of some bravery, the iwits Centre in Leicester Squae is to serve British food for the first time as its contributed. first time, as its contribution to the celebrations. To bunch the event the British Jourist The public relations officer for Authority held a junket in the United Kingdom Federation of United Kingdom Federation centre yesterday and served English and Swiss wites But the Swiss are not letting the natives have it all their own way. Concurrently with the

Cyril Smith thought his Jubilee promotion, with its poked "sweet and gentle, com-letely in character". David jevels and models of the crown jevels and models of the fourday regions of Britain, the Swiss are pushing the virtues of their own national dish, the Swiss roll. They regard this as much maligned in this country, maintaining that the basic sponge and jam variety is only specialty rolls are fresh strawlerry chantily and mocalirsch.

> Regrettably, Marc's cartoons till no longer be appearing in The Times. He objects to the legree of editorial control which has been exercised over

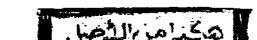
Moving on Andrew Shonfield who since

1971 has been director of the Royal Institute For International Affairs at Chatham House, moves to Italy at the beginning of next year to become a professor of economics at the recently-founded European pean University Institute in

Florence.

A former foreign editor of the Financial Times and economics editor of The Observer, Shoufield went to the Royal Institute originally in 1961 as director of studies, and came back as director after a break as chairman of the Social & Science Research Council from 1969-71. He has also owned 3 farmhouse between Florence and Siena for some years, which he says is one of the few astute economic moves he has ever

Business and Professional From is Mrs Ida Down.
PHS



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DR COGGAN'S VISIT TO ROME

nople, Geneva. Today Dr Coggan cluding the position of the sets out to tread the historic papacy, the commission has conof European quadrilateral Christendom. The itinerary is evidence that there is nothing lopsided or out of balance about the Archbishop's management of inter-church relations. Less need this time for the Rev Ian Paisley's men to be out with their placards. All the same, it is the Archbishop's meeting with the Pope which has most significance in the context of ecumenism; partly because the propinquity and interaction of Rome and Canterbury have always been greater than that between Canterbury and Constantinople : partly because in Geneva Dr Coggan will not be consorting with the spiritual descendants of Calvin but with the World Council of Churches and its general secretary, Dr Potter, which is not quite the same thing; and partly because formal machinery exists to expedite a rapprochement between the Anglican and Roman Catholic communions, and the machinery has been working

rather smoothly. One of the fruits of Archbishop Ramsey's visit to the Vatican in 1966 was the establishment of an Anglican and Roman Catholic theological commission charged with the examination of doctrine in dispute between the two churches. With the publication of agreed statements on the Eucharist, on the ordained ministry, and, earlier this year,

say about being satisfied with the

deal reached in Luxembourg in

the early hours of yesterday can

alter the fact that it is sub-

stantially the same as the one

which he turned down a month

ago. When Mr Silkin prevented

the EEC from meeting its April

1 deadline for agreeing on a new

round of prices for this year, he

did so because he wanted a butter

subsidy of 20p and the other

members of the Community were

prepared to offer 8p. In the event

he has had to settle for 81p, an

insignificant improvement on

what he had earlier rejected.

The devalution in the green

pound is nearer the figure which

the Commission had proposed

than it is to the British position

of no change. And at the end of

negotiations, Britain, which had

claimed to be fighting for no

increases in prices will actually

experience a bigger increase than

Even this, however, under-

states the extent to which Britain

has had to abandon the position

with which we hegan this year's

farm price review. In January, it was the United Kingdom's de-

clared intention to use the

annual bargaining session on

prices to get specific action to

bring about a structural reform

of the Community's Common

King Husain of Jordan's current

visit to Washington is part of

a series of meetings in which

President Carter is trying to get to know the main Middle East

leaders personally and to pre-

pare the ground for a resump-

tion of the Geneva Middle East

Peace Conference, which has stood adjourned ever since its

first meeting in December, 1973.

Mr Vance's tour of the Middle

East in February has been followed by visits to Washington

from Mr Rabin and President

Sadat. Next month Mr Carter

will meet President Assad of

Syria in Europe, and within the next two months he expects to

receive both Crown Prince Fahd

of Saudi Arabia and the new

prime minister of Israel, after the elections to be held in that

In past spins of this Middle

Eastern merry-go-round the visit

of King Husain has usually been

the smoothest and easiest. The

Washington Post may have revealed part of the reason for

this last February when it

reported that for the past twenty

years King Husain had been

receiving a substantial secret

subsidy from the CIA-though

that would seem a perfectly

reasonable assistance for the

United States to offer or for King

Husain to receive. But that revelation, which was generally

understood to come from sources

high in the Carter Administra-

tion and which the President

himself has avoided specifically

denying, was bound to make his

first meeting with the King a

country on May 17.

other Community countries.

THE SECOND TIME OF ASKING

Nothing which Mr Silkin may Agricultural Policy. That such a

Canterbury, Rome, Constanti- on authority in the church included the business that it initially set itself to do.

The three statements of the commission embody agreement of surprisingly wide scope. Not all difficulties have been resolved, especially concerning papal claims, but considering the length of time and the passion with which these fundamental questions have been disputed between the Roman and Anglican churches the ability of the theological commission to come to a common view is almost uncanny. The commission has supplied an important part of the momentum towards unity. If that momentum is to be maintained the Pope and the Arch-bishop will need to agree some further initiative. But an initiative of what kind? There appears to be almost no

ecumenically minded theologians of different denominations are capable of publishing agreement. Theology in the hands of contemporary practitioners is a discipline of limitless flexibility and resource. With the aid radical reformulation, neologisms and context creation, old sticking points can be erased and new insights introduced to bridge familiar chasms. It is wonderful to behold, but apt to leave non-practitioners stranded or winded, with a dull feeling

that their landscape has become

reform is needed cannot be in

doubt. Many foods which are

covered by institutional prices in

the Community are now building

up surpluses. The most famous

is the "butter mountain", but

there are surpluses for beef, for

wine and for olive oil, all of

which are increasingly costly

Community Ministers either to

bring down production or to in-

Nothing in the current agree-

ment will do anything to achieve

that. In the debate about getting

an extra halfpenny on the butter

subsidy, Mr Silkin has aban-

doned any pretence to be seek-

ing broader reform in the Com-

munity as a whole. Gone is the

pretence that Britain can veto

any increase at all in farm prices

unless there is structural

reform; that threat cannot be

made again. Gone is the belief

even that such a structural

reform really matters to the

British government. Instead, it

seems to want to milk the system

for as large a subsidy as it can,

horing to play the same game

which it suspects other Com-

tion, indeed (on the very day

of Mr Vance's arrival in

Amman), that some of Mr

Carter's friends angrily asserted

that the leak was actually an act

of malice by someone in the out-

going administration. It is cer-rainly true that the President

himself at least went through the

motions of trying to persuade

the Washington Post not to publish it. King Husain himself,

apparently, was disposed to blame "Zionist forces" in Wash-

ington whose aim was to under-

mine the growing rapproche-

ment between Jordan and the

Palestine Liberation Organiza-

tion as well as the alliance

between Jordan and Syria and,

more generally, the current

Amman at President Carter's

subsequent suggestion that a "homeland" should be provided

for the Palestinian refugees.

Although most commentators took this as a cautious move

towards the idea of a Palestinian

state, or at least "entity", on

the West Bank of the Jordan,

some of King Husain's advisers saw it as veiled espousal of the

thesis of some Israeli extremists

who see the East Bank (with or

without some fragments con-

ceded by Israel on the West

Bank) as the proper location for

a Palestinian republic which

would displace the present

It is not surprising, therefore,

Hashemite Kingdom.

bargain.

Further offence was taken in

Arab " peace offensive ".

The increase in guarantees

particularly large one at around of the agreem 3' per cent. If we could hold now accepted.

which has emerged for institu-tional prices is not. in itself, a play in tomorrow's by-elections

munity members of playing.

KING HUSAIN RETURNS TO WASHINGTON

crease consumption.

and require firm action by

limit to the extent to which

unrecognizable. A officially sponsored theological concurrence would be no bad thing while the ground already traversed is consolidated at a more work a day level of churchmanship.

For it is still the case that while there is convergence where there was formerly controversy, new divergences may open up to re-create disunity. One such is the priesting of women. Some branches of the Anglican communion have approved the practice. The Church of England itself, though divided and still cautious, is largely agreed that there are no theological objections sufficient to rule out the practice. Meanwhile the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, with a disregard for what have come to be considered the ecumenical courtesies of the age, issues an uncompromising reaffirmation of Rome's disqualification of women priests, asserting precisely the kind of fundamental theological objections which the Anglican communion no longer discerns. (And in Istanbul the Archbishop may expect to find even less sympathy for the Anglican position.) So the cause of unity receives its checks as well as its impulses. As regards Canterbury and Rome, the immediate future must still be thought of as within the bounds of separation sweetened by charity, courtesy and collaboration, rather than as yet reaching to intercommunion, or, more

down the rate of inflation for everything to 31 per cent, we should be doing a great deal better than we are doing at the moment. Even food prices are increasing far more rapidly than this in those sectors where there is no common price system. The real weakness of the present agreement does not then, lie in the details but in its

remotely, to corporate reunion.

failure to grasp the main issue facing Europe in its farming policy. How can we bring about the transformation in European farming to an efficient structure such as occurred in the United Kingdom many years ago? The real criticism of Mr Silkin's conduct of these negotiations is that by selling his

agreement in return for an extra ing when the summer recess begins should be ended and an announcement made early in the year that the House would not sit beyond the halfpenny subsidy he has shown that this is an issue which does not really concern him. When Mr Silkin broke up the last round of talks in March, there end of July, so that both Members and staff could make proper arrangements for their summer was understandable cynicism that he was seeking to gain political capital for his party which tant in Scotland where the school terms begins before the end of was facing a by-election at Stechford. The evidence of that

URSULA GILMOUR, Montrave.

From Dr J. M. Hammersley, FRS

Sir, The Chairman of the Electricity Consultative Councils, deeming it "inflationary and socially unjust" to charge the consumer for the cost of Drax B, prefers to dun the tax-payer instead to obtain "a direct correlation between the spread of the cost and the ability to pay". The taxpayer, wryly smiling at his presumed ability to pay, wiskes he could economize as easily as the consumer by the flick of a switch. People are apt to waste things that are free free in the sense that we have already been forced to pay for them whether or not we really need them. We shall not master inflation until we learn to do without what we cannot afford, including extra coal-fired power stations. Coal is or will become too valuable to burn. Put on another sweater, and switch off! It is time we stopped sub-

ort: It is time we stop sidzing pressure groups. Yours faithfully, J. M. HAMMERSLEY, Institute of Economics and

It is good news (The Times, April 23) that the Director of Pub-

Future of the 'Evening Standard'

Sir It is with dismay that I read (The Times, April 25) of the Beaverbrook group's plan to sell the Evening Standard in order to secure the future of the Daily Express and the Sunday Express.

It would be far more commend-

able of Sir Max Aithen and Mr Jocelyn Stevens if they sold the Daily Express and the Sunday Express to secure the future of the Evening Standard.
Yours faithfully, ARTHUR LA BERN,

Savage Club, 9 Fitzmaurice Place. Berkeley Square, W1. April 25.

From Miss Joan Plowright and Sir, We wish to express our recognition of the unique service done by the Evening Standard to all interested in the lively arts; and we know that we speak for many others who are deeply disturbed at the news of its impending extinc-

tion. Yours faithfully, JOAN PLOWRIGHT LAURENCE OLIVIER COLIN BLAKELY CELIA JOHNSON RALPH RICHARDSON ALAN HOWARD GLENDA JACKSON 116 Roebuck House, Palace Street, SW1. April 26.

Parliamentary business From Lady Gilmour

Sir, Stress and strain on people in public life has recently come in for As a wife of an MP, and coming from a family engaged in industry.

I can see the different ways of

I have no doubt that Parliament puts unnecessary strain on its Members, and particularly its lead-ing figures, because it is so badly organized.

Parliament has it in its own power to make the necessary alterations, and the first of these should be to announce the future business of the House for at least three weeks ahead: no commercial business could exist on the hand to mouth way that Parliament is run, ie announcing business in the House on Thursday for the following week.

Next, Parliament should decide each session that they would set aside three weeks over the Parliamentary year when the House would not meet, and Members would have a whole week in their constituencies or overseas, and this would obviate the sort of journeys that the Foreign Secretary, Dr Owen, and Mrs Thatcher have had to undertake

during their Easter recess. Lastly, the stupidity of not decid-

August. Yours faithfully,

Leven, April 22.

The cost of Drax B

Statistics, University of Oxford,

St Cross Building, Manor Road, Oxford. April 22.

Erotic theatre

From Mr Irving Wardle
Sir, In reviewing Wallace Shawo's
A Thought in Three Parts at the
ICA last month, I expressed full
agreement with the view of a
National Theatre spokesman that the piece was " not pornographic". and went on to argue—in terms rather less poker-faced than I am now obliged to adopt—that its joyless attitude to sex was calculated to please the opponents of erotic theatre.

This, however, did not deter Mr Michael Alison from selecting other passages from the notice so as to enlist me as a hostile witness in his attempt to brine a prosecution against a play which he had not himself seen. I am doubly indebted to Mr Alison for giving me a lesson in the journalistic hazards of irony. and in the forensic ethics of our moral guardians.

lic Prosecutions has recommended against proceedings. But should the Covernment set up its threatened committee to consider the law of obscenity, one hopes it will not waste its time with the kind of evidence that has been presented against the ICA production. Yours faithfully. IRVING WARDLE. 51 Richmond Road,

Hertfordshire.

April 24.

Preservation of the British archive

bigger points about the public records made by Lord Tevior in the House of Lords debate on April 20, and by your own articles. The vast new building at Kew bears witness both to the importance of modern public records for scholars. modern public records for scholar-ship and society, and to their bulk. It is sad that the Government will not permit an inquiry into the sys-tem for choosing which records end up at Kew and which are burns.

My own opinion as a member of the Grigg Committee and of the present Advisory Council, an ex-departmental records officer and a historian, is that the present system is profoundly unsatisfactory. The Grigg Report brought great improvements but some of its recommendaments but some of its recommenda-tions were emasculated and quite new problems have indeed arisen in the past 23 years. As it is, responsibility for departmental records is very diffused; there is little coordination of experience and methods, and no regular methodical training of staff.

Above all, the system is pre-carious. Departmental records staff still find, as Grigg noted, that their work has low prestige and is not the path to promotion. Some of them do records work reluctantly while others leave just as they become proficient. A good departmental records officer may be quickly succeeded by a bad one, uninterested in the job. The work must be professionalized. By this, I do not mean that only people with a degree and archives diploma with a degree and arctives diploma are suitable. I have known execu-tive grade civil servants with neither who have become excellent archivists, have loved the work and would have liked to specialize in it, but they have realized that there is no future for them if they do. A government archives service bracing the Public Record Office and the departmental records staff would make archive work a real

This is not the same as a national archives service to cover many other bodies, which would be costly and could not be considered now. It is not certain that a government archive service would in itself add greatly to the cost of the records system because the Civil Service already pays large numbers of people to do the records work. The recent depressing experience where administrative reorganization always leads to greatly increased costs need

From Professor Margaret M. not be repeated. An inquiry could at least sort out the problems, the possibilities, and the cost.

Yours faithfully. MARGARET GOWING, History Faculty, Indian Institute, Broad Street, Oxford.

> From Dr D. W. Rhind Sir, Your leader on the preservation of the British archive (April 22) stressed the need for a new national archive service, staffed by career officials experienced in the policies of the relevant government departments and by trained archivists. The case for such a service and, as a prior step, for an extended role for the Public Records Office, is overwhelming. However, two important points need to be added to your comments.
> In addition to the archiving of

> memoranda and textual records. it is essential that a national archive should contain statistics collected. and occasionally published, by central government. These are voluminous: as an illustration, the Guide to Official Statistics published by the Central Statistical Office in 1976 lists over 1,500 data sources, many producing monthly, quarterly or annual returns. Many of those statistics, particularly the more important ones, are already available more cheaply, more quickly and in a more error free form on computer tape than in paper form. In addition, many of the analyses now carried out as routine would be unthinkable without the use of sophisticated computing techniques. The consequence is obvious: computer professionals must also be involved in both the archiving system and the service from the outset.

My second point is that historians sensu stricto are unlikely to be the majority users of an archive con-taining statistical data; geographers, sociologists, demographers, planners, economists, statisticians and many others are already highly dependent on government produced data. It would seem essential therefore to have such users represented on a high level steering committee, rather than leave the selection of data to be archived entirely to ministerial whims or precedent.

Yours faithfully, DAVID RHIND, University of Durham. Department of Geography. Science Laboratories, South Road,

Promotion on merit From Mr G. Pavne

Sir, I have just seen your report of the work carried out by the Scottish mobility study and presented to the British Sociological Association's annual conference ("Working class supplies third of professionals", March 31).

While your cover was perfectly fair, the abbreviation of several thousands of words into a few para-graphs resulted in a shift of emphasis which would have misled your readers. Our major concern was to contrast the relative "openness" of middle class occupations (for aspiring sons of manual workers) with the very considerable "closure" of elite positions. "Top people" such as judges, senior civil servants, cabinet ministers (and Conservative MPs), company chairmen, bishops, etc, are not recruited from among the children of the working class. Barely one in 20 of such posts are filled by men from working class backgrounds.

those posts which require ability and also involve the exercise of real power over events—the "elite" are still dominated by men born as the families of the previous generation of the elite. This seems so extraordinary a coincidence as to be highly unlikely as the outcome of mere chance.

What makes this a striking find-

ing is that those posts which require

ability but involve relatively little

exercise of power—the "profession-als"—are open and presumably

filled on meritocratic lines. But

What is it about the processes of selection and recruitment which brings about this pattern? In an era marked by a belief in the existence of a meritocratic system, it is important not to lose sight of such questions about the elite when new findings about the openness of the rest of society are being discussed.

GEOFF PAYNE, Director, Scottish Mobility Study, University of Aberdeen, King's College,

The arms race

From Mr Nikolai Khorunzhy
Sir, I warmly welcome Mr Richard
Burt's conclusion in your columns
on April 19 that it was not Soviet
lack of goodwill which was responsible for the absence of positive results from Mr Cyrus Vance's recent mission to Moscow.

Mr Burt, however, finds it more difficult to understand Soviet opposition to the United States proposition to the United States forward based nuclear systems (some 800 carrier aircraft and ground missiles) and United States aircraft carriers with most than the United States aircraft with the United ground missiles) and United States aircraft carriers with more than 300 aircraft capable of delivering offensive nuclear weapons, are excluded from the arms which are proposed to be limited. There would also remain America's allies, some of whom have their own strategic weapons. All this would change the Sovier-American balance of forces in favour of the United States.

States. There is no justification for the American side to link the cruise missile with the Sovier medium range bomber called "Backfire"

in the West.
The Soviet bomber, with a range

Abolishing the GLC

From Mr Cyril D. Townsend, MP for Bexleyheath (Conservative) Sir, George Hutchinson is right to record the unpopularity of the Grester London Council (April 23). But is he right to think that abolishing the GLC would benefit the capital?
For two years I was political

assistant to the last Conservative leader of the GLC and I am convinced that Londoners need a strong County Hall to srand up for their interests against Whitehall. At the end of the day it is much better that London's future should be decided by Londoners, elected by Londoners, than by a Minister who is unlikely to come from London. If the GLC was removed from the scene, all the pressures that led to the London Government Act 1963 would build up again. To take just housing as an example, since 1963 there have been three major reports emphasizing the need for a strategic housing authority in Greater London. The Milner Holland Report (1965) stated "if the attack on portage and bad housing conditions is to be successful, it must be planned, applied and directed for London as a whole". The Greve Report (1971) reinforced this point of view. The Secretary of State for the Environment recognized the necessity for a strategic housing authority for Greater London in his statement on the Greater London Development Plan in 1975. "The Government endorse the need for

Old Aberdeen.

of 1,400 miles, cannot reach the United States. It does not rank as a strategic weapon.

Although the cruise missile cannot reach the Soviet Union from the United States—the ostensible reason for linking the two weapons—it can be transported by the latest United States bomber, by submarine or ship to United States bases close to the Soviet Union to be launched from there, or from an aircraft or ship. an aircraft or ship.

That is why it is classified in official United Stores documents as

a strategic weapon.
In short, the United States tried

to revise the essence of the 1974
Vladivostok Agreement, although
no changes that could affect that
Agreement have taken place since

The American side seems to be trying to get rid of rather outdated land based missiles and to deploy their nuclear forces at sea rather Despite these differences the Soviet Union believes that the problem can and must be solved.

N. KHORUNZHY. London Correspondent of the

Novosti Press Agency 3 Rosary Gardens, SW1. April 20.

London's housing problem to be considered as a whole and accept the Panel's view that there needs to be

an effective strategic bousing authority for Greater London." With respect, Mr Hutchinson misses the target. County Hall has lost its way and must be pointed in the right one. It must become a proper strategic and regional authority and there must be clearer lines responsibility between the GLC and the 32 boroughs. As illustra-tions, it is wrong that for historic reasons the GLC continues to manage council housing in the boroughs. It should concentrate on exercising strategic housing control. The number of parks and open spaces still retained by the GLC is indefensible. All but the major strategic parks (and the "royal parks") should be transferred to the appropriate boroughs.

It is not good enough to ignore the fact that strategic planning for major cities has become widely accepted not only in the UK but also abroad. In Greater London there is overwhelming evidence that this area of some 610 source miles containing 7 million people must be coordinated from County Hall and not just left to the 32 boroughs, Outer boroughs must help inner boroughs, rich areas must help poor areas, and the full range of transport facilities must be made to work together, for the benefit of Greater London as a whole. Yours faithfully. CYRIL D. TOWNSEND. house of Commons.

The Civil Service and the TUC

From the Chairman, Association of First Division Civil Servants Sir, Your leader "The Civil Service and the TUC" makes several points with which the FDA could not disagree. In particular it is reassuring that you acknowledge we cannot be faulted in any way on the propriety of our consultations with the political parties, and that senior civil servants have seen their differentials shrink. (To underline the latter point, many of our members have had no salary increase since January 1, 1975. This has not simply shrunk differentials, it has caused a real and steep reduction in real income during a period of unprecedented price

However, there are other points on which I suggest that your analysis needs to be qualified. First, the Association represents senior civil servants: it is not, and has never claimed to be the senior Civil Service. This distinction is not mere semantics. The concept of separa-tion of roles (ie the wearing of different "hats" at different times) is the essence of Whitleyism and is well established in many other pro-

fessions and industries.
Secondly, your speculation about the response of Permanent Secretaries and Deputy Secretaries to my enquiry is no more than speculation. As you say the outcome of that part of our consultation was and is

strictly confidential.

Third, and most important, you assert that "doubts persist." How can this be? None of our members believes that either the Association or the Senior Civil Service would in fact depart from the tradition of political neutrality should we affili-ate to the TUC. The doubts are about whether others would share that view. We hoped that the response of the Conservative Party leadership would have dispelled those doubts. What more can we be expected to do?

You imply that the Conservative Parry, in spite of its public statement, still harbours private mingivings. We do not know why you should believe that, but if it is so then we hope that they will be expressed to us. If there are misgivings, then we shall of course take full account of them. But we really cannot do business on the basis that public assurances by politicians are not to be taken seriously. The FDA exists to represent its members as employees on their pay and conditions of service, and-uniquely—to promote the efficiency of the public service. Its Executive Committee believes that affiliation to the TUC would enable us to do that more effectively. As you rightly say "a body of 10,000 will never

counsels of an organization of nearly 11 million." But any influence is better than none. Many of our members had no pay increase at all in 1976 because that policy seemed sensible to the TUC leadership. That basis for pay settlements may not be permanent, but equally it would be bold to assert that it will never recur. So we would like to be in a position to

carry much weight in the higher

discuss our pay and conditions with those who determine or seriously influence them. your readers can rest assured that if on the evidence our members judge that even the appearance (let alone the reality) of our continued political impartiality would be put seriously at rish then they will not vote in favour of

affiliation to the TUC. Yours sincerely, GERRY PLANAGAN, Association of First Division Civil Servants.

Minster House, 272 Vauxhall Bridge Road, SW1.

Elderly travellers From Dr Alex Comfort

From Dr Alex Comfort

Sir, Sir Kenneth Clark (The Times,
April 15) mentions some of the
problems of the travelling old.

One moral annoyance which he
omits, but which has been brought
to my notice by an exasperated
senior, is that when an older person avails him or herself of a son avails him or herself of a reduced rate fare, the ticket is inscribed "Child". Apparently the cost of special tickets, or even a rubber stamp to amend existing tickets, is too great to be borne.

One probably has to be oneself old and weary of other forms of childrenisation too appreciate the effect of this economy. Possibly the older traveller can think himself lucky not to be labelled "dog" or "bicycle", but the courtesy involved in producing more fitting tickets worded simply "special tate" would be chean at the price.

tate" would be cheap at the price.
I am, Sir, etc. ALEX COMFORT, Institute for Higher Studies, McGuire House. 2311 Garden Street,

Santa Barbara, United States of America.

From Professor Mark Williamson Sir, Judging from the letter from Lady Bragg Lord Clark should dress himself in drag. Yours faithfully, MARK WILLIAMSON. The Old House, 4 Fulford, April 21.

Preserving peonies From Dr Alex Paton

Sir, Mr Loudon (letter, April 181 may like to know that the roots of the male peony were used as a remedy for epilepsy, and ware higly esteemed for that purpose by the herbalists of the 16th and 17th centuries. The seeds taken in wine or mead were also employed for warding off nightmares. Peony, believed by Pliny to be the o'dest of plants, takes its name from Paeon, the god of Healing, who is said to have applied the roots to wounds inflicted by warring gods. Besides Steep Holm, P mascula grew wild at one time at Winch combe in the Cotswolds where there had also been a monastery, but I don't know whether it still does. Yours faithfully, ALEX PATON. 15 Charlotte Road, Birmingham.

A plutonium economy

sticky occasion.

From Professor John Ziman, FRS Sir, The correspondence in your columns, begun by Justice's letter of concern (March 31) about the probable threats to civil liberties in Great Britain from a plutonium economy, has rightly ranged over a

wide field of other dangers. It is the particular concern of the Council for Science and Society to study the social consequences of science and technology. With the Flowers Report here, the Fox Report in Australia, and the recent Keeny Report in the USA to inform us, we are in no doubt about the serious-

Those reports are unanimous in warning us that nuclear fission is an

that King Husain-whose domestic, political and economic posiextremely dangerous process, that plutonium is an extremely dangerous substance, that all humans are dangerously fallible, and that it is by no means over-stating the case to describe the deliberate choice of

plutonium economy as a Faustian

With a commendable sense of

responsibility for future generations, the US Administration has decided not to plunge forward down that path. Our own Government still stands at the cross-roads. Justice has asked that no decision should be taken until there has been a full public debate in which all the possible consequences can be taken into account. We agree, and we share Justice's hope that the Government will take the nation fully

So untimely was the revela- tion is now stronger than at any time since 1967—should have arrived in Washington less effusively optimistic than President Sadat, who is desperthan ate for American aid and whose latest tactic is to make out that his dispute with Israel is a little local difficulty which should be cleared up quickly so that he can get on with the serious business of defending Western interests against Soviet encroachment in Africa. But President Carter, meeting the King for the first time face to face, seems to have succeeded in allaying his

result suggests that if this was

indeed his purpose he was

remarkably ineffective. It is

hard to believe that he, or his

of the agreement which he has

worst suspicions. At least King Husain was able to say on Monday night that their initial talks had given him more encouragement and more hope for a lasting peace. Perhaps he found a better reception than he had expected in Washington for his suggestion that the Palestinians should attend the Geneva Conference as part of a single Arab delegation (rather than on their own or in a joint PLO-Jordanian one). Certainly he must have been sweetened by the announcement on the day of his arrival that the United States would provide Jordan with sixty-four million dollars of technical military assistance to help install the fourteen Hawk missile batteries it is expecting and to train Jordanian troops in their use. In fact this visit shows every sign of going better than his visit to President Ford a year ago, when negotiations on the Hawk deal broke down and the King appeared seriously to consider

buying Soviet missiles instead. into its confidence, and will not commit it (and its descendants) to choices without its full and informed

Having access to expertise in nuclear technology, in energy supply and conversion, and in the other specialist fields which are relevant here, we can go further and express the hope that our Government will follow the responsible and creditable lead of President Carter. Yours faithfully,

J. M. ZIMAN, Chairman, Council for Science and Society, H. H. Wills Physics Laboratory, Royal Fort, Tyndall Avenue,

The good things

of colonial rule that Africa should remember

Our guest column

Honorary Professor

of Anthropology

University of Kent

this week is by

Lucy Mair.

commuting from London once, being and development " wa I had to overhear a somewhat heill harangue by a stranger in women who renounced the invs of marriage and family to travel in Africa. I did not interene. After all, I am no Mary Kingsley (though I thought she had actually found Africa an cape from a stiflingly dutiful iomesticity). I am merely one whose interest in Africa exends over a period of changes dramatic as those of the Scramble itself must have been disregard it. perhaps more so, since, al-In those days, hat was called liberalism was still the hough the lines drawn on the vely short discussions, putting mark of enlightenment for many -10 were the outcome of rela-

people, and it was endorsed by most anthropologists. Malinowski taught us to see the heir consequences into prac--ice was a gradual affair. Some of us who were young institutions that we recorded as on years ago were caught up in worthy of respect, as incamingful to the people whose lives they regulated, and as often, better tie enthusiasm for a new dawn that seems to follow great cars-grophes; I do not mean the 1917 Club, but the staider ideal-ism to which Woodrow Wilson suited to their circumstances element of romanticism in this, possible t. find some c i crop it was a useful corrective to that Africans could raise in the prevalent belief in a single, their own -illages. eemed to have committed the League of Nations. Superior civilization.
But we knew, s ha eventual.

Poor innocents, we thought there would really be a new leal for the "populations not vet able to stand by themcame to admit, that too much
elves. The League of Nations had been changed for an ideal
Covenant said their "wellpast to be restored; and the

sacred trust of civilization ", and one or two British official pronouncements referred to the principle of trusteeship. When the report of the commission on closer union in East Africa appeared, with J. H. Oldham's splendid exposition of the policies which would have to be adopted to make trusteeship a reality-well. I thought something was going to happen. I had to learn how often governments ask for advice and then

crucial question was what the be. Along with J. i. Old. 1 and the League of Mations Mandates Commission, we that African land shoul alienated, and that / should not be forced eit for wages -way from home; and than those that administrators we assumed, not alwe cor-wanted to substitute. Granted an rectly, hat it should always be

> We thought this would be the best way of developing the re-sources of Africa, without which it would are lacked such com-munications, schools and health

ervices as colonial rule brought to it. We did not think that colonial rule in Africa was by definition unjust, but that what weight we carried—which was not much—should be thrown on the side of justice.

If it is true that those who are justly ruled are more tent than those who are not it cou d, I suppose, be said that we helped to underpin calonial rule. It is interesting, however, that the territories where development followed the lins that we advocated were the first to demand and receive independence, because more resources had been given to education. I cause entre-preneurship had 227 loped, and because there was no

entrench settler interest. When the dismaniling of empire came there was not alternative resources to work much for us to say; we did try to counter the wildest allegarions of Man Man atrociries. The idea that that movement expressed some kind of evil possession which could not be exorcized without confession was shockingly like some of our forebears' notions of witch-craft, but I do not think this

have taken over the field and terms of embattled classes (or if the exploited classes are not embattled they ought to be). but it is becoming unfashionable to record anything about them apart from their material poverty.

The question "Are they happier?" has been asked for decades, by people who, for other reasons than Malinowski's thought it would have been better to "leave them as they are". The only true answer could be. "Some are, some are not". Are me happy when we look at such a country as Uganda today? The end of empire was inevitable, the pro-cess by which it was reached more often a matter of peaceful change than is sometimes sunchange than is sometimes subtorsed; the picture of an heroic
fight against imperialism has
been a good deal overdrawn.
African dictatorships do not
provide an argument for the
maintenance of racial discrimination, but here nation; but they may make us think that some aspects of colonial rule did not merit the opprobrium that is the fashionable judgment today.



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Katie Stewart

The sense of your own yogurt

boiled and then cooled to the correct temperature. After the yogurt is added, your mixture only requires to be kept warm until it has reached the right consistency. If you like a thicker yogurt, add a spoonful of skimmed milk powder to the warm milk and, by increasing

To make Yogurt Check that the yogurt used as a starter is at room tempera-ture, not chilled from the refrigerator, and give the con-terts of the carton a stir to

2 pints UHT milk; 1 carton natural yogurt.

but not burning—on a thermo-ineter the reading should be 110 deg F or 43 deg C. Bring one minute and then allow to —but I hate to have any left over. Pour into a china, glass or earthenware bowl—I choose vith one or more towels under, around and over to keep it warm. Leave undisturbed for six to eight hours or overnight.
You can take a look at it once getting along. Depending on the time of year, I leave mine either near my solid fuel boiler To keep yogurt sweet you must put it into the refrigerator as soon as it has set. Not only does yogurt taste more refreshing when chilled but at this temperature the natural

longer you leave yogurt at room place long enough, the vogurt will eventually separate into curds and whey. Should this ever happen don't be dismayed l Just tip the contents of the basin into a muslin bag and hang overnight and you will have a curd cheese which you can season and mix with seem a little haphazard but like everything else in cookery, once you get the feel of what you are doing it rarely goes you are doing it rarely goes wrong. I am the first to admit, however, that the temperature control that you get with a yogurt-making kit is a great that I like and use is the Deva Bridge Yogurt Maker which is rather like a large vacuum flask capacity size makes amount for serving. The kit comes complete with a thermometer, a neat little milk saver, which prevents the milk in the saucepan boiling over, and an instruction book. You really can't go wrong. The kit, costing £7.45 and an extra 75p for postage and packing, is obtainable from Deva Bridge, PO Box No 5 (Dept WH), Stow-

Chilled, yogurt takes on a thicker consistency and keeps a set 33 texture until stirred, when it takes on a creamy consistency. To make fruit-flavoured yogurt you must stir in sugar and a fairly strong

It is sound common sense to flavoured fruit puree, so with make your dwn yogurt because it can be expensive to buy in softer texture. If you can, let it can be expensive to buy in softer texture. If you can large quantities and once you your flavoured yogur stand in start to experiment you will the refrigerator for a few hours, find there are lots of interesting to allow flavours to develonways in which it can be used. Flavour natural yogurt with you can make your own yogurt sugar and fruits such as straw-You can make your own yogurt with no more than the equipment you already have in the kitchen, but to start off you must buy a carton of natural vogurt. Sterilized UHT milk, like Long Life, gives the best results (handy too because you can always keep a supply in stock) and needs only to be heated to the correct temperature. Bettled, pasteurized milk can also be used but it must be boiled and then cooled to the correct temperature. After the in individual glasses. Another combination that tastes very nice is that of brown sugar and seedless raisins which have been soaked in a little sherry before stirring in. You can stir in ments, honey and brown sugar

for breakfast or spoon nature

yogurt into a bowl of muest with chopped apple Flavoured with garlic, herbs or chapped chives and a seasonor chapped chives and a seasoning of salt and pepper, natural yogurt provides the basis for a variety of salad dressings that are particularly suitable for slimmers. Mix yogurt with a little romato ketchup, a squeeze of lemon juice and then add chopped green pepper and chives and use as a dressing for avacado halves. If you mix or in any way you like. Natural cool the spiciness goulash or curry. Mix yogurt with egg in the same you would mix egg with sauce for a moussaka tooping and it contrasts beautifully with the rich mixture of aubergines

Combine all the ingredients together and mix well. boned fresh chicken meat into two-in-h cubes and place in the marinade. Mix well and leave for 24 hours. To cook, thread the meat on skewers and place under the grill for 15-20 minutes, turn occasionally and baste with the marinade. Or you could cook these over an out-door barbecue grill. Serve on a bed of rice with a crisp

You can mix yogurt with custard or with cream for fruit fools or use equal proportions of fruit puree and yogurt. Fold natural yogurt into whipped natural yogurt into whipped cream to make a light mixture not unlike the Continental creme fraiche and serve over raspberries

Soured cream is another interesting cultured milk product and has little over one-third of the far content of double cream so it is worth consideration if you like using cream in cooking. Sourced cream is not fresh cream that has soured naturally but single soit consistency with somethin method of making a lovely sauce for vegetables than to use spoon each of finely chopped chives or parsley, a seasoning of salt and pepper and heat newly cooked new potaties, or broccoli or best of all broad

You can use soured cream in stead of fresh cream in your quiche recipes and you can use Try blending four tablespoon horseradish relish into one chi ton soured cream, add a dask of little salt and papper. Let the mixture stand for one hunr and mackerel, smoked wont or cold rare roast beef.

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WINDSOR CASTLE

April 25: The Duke of Edinburgh and The Prince of Wales, attended by Lord Rupert Nevill and Squad-Leader David Checketts, left Heathrow Airport, London; in an alreraft of The Queen's Flight soday for Nice.

main the result of the control of th niversary Heart Awards Dinner and where The Prince of Wales will attend the Humanitarian Award Dinner of the Variety Clubs

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips this afternoon opened the Inter-Action Community Centre and City Farm at Wilkin Street,

NW5.

Having been received by the Mayor of Camden (Mr Arthur Sonter), Her Royal Highness toured the Centre and unveiled emorative plaques.

commemorative plaques.

The Princess Anne. Mrs. Mark philips, this afternoon travelled in the Royal Train to Stoke-on-Trent and was received upon arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Giaffordshire (Sir Arthur

Bryan,
Her Royal Highness this evening
attended the Physically Handicupped Wheelchair Dancing at
Stoke-on-Trent. Miss Victoria Legge Bourke was in attendance.

the Queen was represented by the Lord Strabolgi (Captain of The Queen's Bodyguard of the Yeomen of the Guard) at the Manager of the Guard) at the Memorial Service for Colonel the Viscount Coschen (formerly Captain of Her Majesty's Bodyguard of the Yeo-men of the Guard) which was held men in the Guards Chapel today.

Mrs John Dugdale has succeeded
Lady Abel Smith as Lady in
Waiting to The Queen.

CLARENCE HOUSE April 26: Ruth, Lady Fermoy has succeeded the Hon Mrs John Mul-holland as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

KENSINGTON PALACE April 26: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, as President of Sadier's Wells Foundation, was present this evening at a Gala Performance by Sadier's Wells Royal Ballet at Sadier's Wells Theatre, in aid of the Building Stand.

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Fund.
The Lady Anne Tennant was in

KENSINGTON PALACE April 26: The Duke of Gloucester opened the Construction Industry Training Board Centre in Norwich this morning, and was later entertained to lunch by the Lord Mayor of Norwich, Councillor Raymond Centre of the Circ Wall In the Frostick, at the City Hall. In the afternoon His Royal Highness visited the Castle Museum, Norwich, International Motor n at Banbam. His Royal Highness travelled in

aircraft of the Queen's Flight. leutenant-Colonel Simon Bland

April 26: The Duke of Kent, as Paron, index attended a Luncheon given by the Army Ski Association at the Royal Overseas League on the occasion of the retirement of Canaria Sta Roderick McJ. and as

Lieutenant-Commander Richard Buckley, RN, was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE April 26: Princess Alexandra this April 25: Princess Alexandra this afternoon opened a Women's Mobile Screening Clinic, which is to be operated by BUPA medical Centre on behalf of the Stanley Poundation, at the Royal College of Obstericlans and Gynaecologists. Her Royal Highness, Patron of the Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust. was later present at a Reception given for representatives from the Regions and Branches throughout the United Kingdom at Claridge's. Miss Mona Mitchell was in

Princess Alexandra, patron of the Ernest Read Music Association, will be present at a concert for Children, given in bonour of the Queen's silver jubilee, at the Festival Hall on May 7.

A memorial service for Viscount Radcliffe will be held at the Temple Church, Temple, London, EC4, on Monday, May 30 at 4.30

Forthcoming marriages Mr L. C. Barling

and Miss C. M. E. Tongue and Mass C. M. E. Tongue

The engagement is aumounced between Lorne, son of Group
Captain and Mrs Lesite Barling, of Durban, South Africa, and Caroline Margaret Elliot, eidest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Tongue, of Haselton, Gloucestershire.

Mr P. L. Enibit and Miss J. L. Rawlence The engagement is announced between Peter Lindsay, son of Mrand Mrs W. J. Elliott, of Leamington Spa. and Jeame Louise, daughter of Colonel and Mrs J. R. Rawience, of Sunninghill, Berkshire. shire.

Mr J. R. Murray and Mrs V. M. Lomas

The engagement is announced between John, eldest son of Colonel and Mrs A. I. R. Murray, of Farr Mains, Inverness, and Valerie, daughter of Mrs Sanders, of 94 Creffield Road, London, W3; and the late Mr E. V. Sanders.

Mr T. S. B. Philpot and Miss E. Devereux Massey and Miss E. Devereux Massey
The 'engagement is announced
between Timothy, younger son of
Mrs M. E. Philpot, of Cropton,
Yorkshire, and the late Mr C.
B. Philpot, and Elizabeth, only
daughter of Mr W. B. Devereux,
Massey, CBE, and Mrs Devereux
Massey, of Kensington, London.

Mr A. D. Richards and Miss S. E. Johnston and Miss S. E, Johnston
The engagement is announced between Alan David, son of Mr and Mrs D. Y. Richards, of Ham Ridings, Richmond, Surrey, and Sara Edwina, daughter of Mr E. A. Johnston, CB, and Mrs Johnston. of Pembroke Villas, Richmond Green, Surrey.

Mr P. D. Webster and Miss A. P. Atteridge The engagement is announced between Peter, only son of Mr and Mrs B. Webster, of Worcester, and Angela, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs J. H. Atteridge, of London, SW5.

Mr C. R. Wilson, RN and Miss J. Watts-Jones

The engagement is announced between Charles Richard. son of Mr and Mrs Richard Wilson, of 52 Benfleet Park Road, Benfleet, Essex, and Iuliet, elder daughter of the Rev Vyvyan and Mrs Watts-Jones, of St Thomas's Rectory, Chesterfield.

Marriages

Mr S. G. Cannon and Miss S. J. Tinne

and Miss S. J. Tinne
The marriage took place on St
George's Day at the Church of
All Saints, Bisham, between Mr
Stuart Cannon, elder son of Mr
and Mrs T. G. Cannon, of Cardyke House, Swaton, Lincoloshire, and Miss Shelagh Tinne,
only daughter of Mr and Mrs C.
G. Tinne, of Croft Contage, Barton
Road, Hoylake, Wirral. The Rev
Derek E. Tinne officiated, assisted
by the Rev S. E. Hickox. Mr V. Doulakis

and Miss J. K. Chamberlain and Miss J. K. Chamberlain

The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Michael and All Angels, Withylam, Sussex, between Mr Vassily Doulaids, son of Mr and Mrs Constantine Doulaids, of Athens, and Miss Joanna Chamberlain, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Hull Chamberlain of Chamberiain, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Paul Chamberlain, of Motts Down, Groombridge, Kent. The Rev Peter Scott officiated, assisted by Father Seraphim, of the Greek Orthodox Church.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Kate and Sophie Pryor. Tamara Hall, and Patrick and Harry Chamberlain. A reception was held at the home of the bride.

Birthdays today

Professor Muriel Bradbrook, 68; Air Marshal Sir Charles Air Marshal Sir Charles Broughton, 56; Lord Brownlow, 78; Professor G. S. Graham, 74; Sir Robert Hall, 73; Lord Helsby, 69; Sir Tom Hickinbotham, 74; Air Marshal Sir Ronald Lees, 67; Sir Harry Melville, 69; Sir Alfred Norris, 83; Miss Shella Scott, 50; Lord Taylor of Gryfe, 65.

Latest wills

Mrs Marjorie Bollond, of Cambridge, left £125,336. After personal bequests she left £10,000 to Girton College, Cambridge, and the residue to Trinity College, Cambridge.
Mr William Aiderson, of Colne.
Lancashire, cloth looker, left all
his fil,044 estate to the Cancer

Research Campaign, Colne.
Other estates include (net, before duty paid; duty not disclosed):
Gaze, Mrs Emma, of Ross-on-Wye,
£221,820 Moore, Mr John, of New Barnet. £147,174



Four MPs with original caricatures of themselves, which have appeared on the cover of "The House Magazine", presented at a reception at Westminster yesterday. They are (left to right): Mr Jack Ashley (Labour), Mr George Thomas (the Speaker), Sir Keith Joseph (Conservative) and Mr David Steel (Liberal). (Diary, page 16.)

dinner held at Admiralty House last night in honour of visiting members of the Federal German Parliament.

The Royal School of Church Music.

The Archbishop of York and Mr
Lionel Dakers were the principal
speakers at a dinner held in the
Assembly Rooms, York last night
to celebrate the golden jubilee of
the Royal School of Church Music.
The Dakers of Fire Christman of

The Bishop of Ely, chairman of the council, presided and among those present were:

Mrs. Stuart, Blanch; Mrs. Edward Robota, Mrs. Llonol Dakers, the Deen of York and Mrs. Jasper. Dr and Mrs. Francis. Jackson, and Mr Vincent Waterhouse.

given yesterday by Mr Kenneth C. Peters, President of the Associa-tion of Certified Accountants, In-

corporated by Royal Charter, at Drapers' Hall, Others present

Mr Michael Meacher, Parliament-

ary Under-Secretary of State, De-partment of Trade, was host at a reception held at 1 Carlton Gardens

last night in honour of delegates attending the plenary meeting of the Nato planning board for ocean

Association of Certified

Royal School of Church Music

Luncheons

Lord Mowbray and Stourton Lord Mowbray and Stourton, chan-cellor, entertained at luncheon at the House of Lords yesterday officers and members of the coun-cil of the Primrose League before the annual grand habitation meet-ing. There were process? me annual grand habitation meeting. There were present:
Lady Mowbray and Stourton, Lord
Home of the Hrisel (grand master; and
Lady Rome, Mr Francis Pyrn, MP and
Mrs Pyrn, Mr G Johnson, Smith, MP,
Mr John Stokes, MP and Mrs Stokes, MP,
Mrs Julian Ridextale, Lady Roberts, Mr
and Mrs William Cash, Mr Roberts, Mr
Beddam, Mr W L Grant, Mr Peter
Hawley and Mrs Hawley (socretary).

United Newspapers Limited The chairman and directors of United Newspapers gave a luncheon at the Savoy Hotel yesterday for business associates and friends. Lord Barnetson welcomed the guests and Lord Annan replied.

The Lord Mayor, Sir Robin Gillett, accompanied by the Sheriffs, was the guest of honour at a dinner Foreign and Commonwealth Office Mr John Grant, Joint Parliament-Under-Secretary of State at Department of Employment was host at a luncheon held at Included:
The Bishop of London, Lord Diamond, Str Douglas Allen Mr Joel Barnett, MP, Sir Kenneth Bertill. Mr Stanley Citaton Davis, MP, Sir Kenneth Gucaa Sir Arhur Mr J. T. Eldrid, Mr J. A. Hamilton, Sir Douglas Henley, Dr G. Hoo ay, Sir Juscer Hollom, Sir Gooffrey Lawren Of Mr J. Sir Kenneth Keibb, Sir Kenneth Keibb, Sir Kenneth Keibb, the Carkon Tower hotel yester-day in honour of a party of industrial safety experts from Yugoslavia

British Sportsman's Club The British Sportsman's Club entertained the Australian cricket cancertainte the Australian ricket touring team at luncheon at the Savoy Hotel yesterday. The toast to the guests was proposed by Mr Brian Johnston, to which Mr Len Maddoy and Mr G. S. Chap-pell replied. Mr Edward Heath, MP, was in the chair.

Dinners

Foreign and Commonwealth Office Mr Edward Bishop, Minister of State, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, was host at a

The Royal Society has elected the

The Royal Society has elected the following foreign members: Professor Seisuro Ebashi, Professor of Pharmacology. Tekyo University: Professor Israel Molsewich Galaud, Professor of Mathematics, Moscow University: Professor Frich Hockel, Formerly Professor of Theoretical Physics, Marhung University: Professor Ephralm Katzir, Professor of Biophysics, Welmann Institute of Science, Rehovoth, and Head of the State of Israel.

The exhibition, "Royal Children Through the Ages", which is to form part of the Brighton Festival and from which a portrait of Leopold, grandson of Queen Victoria, was published in The Times of April 20 by permission of the Queen, opens on July 5 and closes on September 25.

Circuit judge retires

Judge Lee will retire from Circuit Bench on April 30.

Viscount Goschen
The Queen was represented by
Lord Strabolgi at a memorial service for Viscount Goschen held
in the Guards Chapel, Wellington
Barracks yesterday. The Rev
R. T. J. K. Wood officiated and
Earl St Aldwyn read, the lesson
Lord Home of the Firsel was present and Mr Edward Heath, MP,
was represented by Mr W. R. van
Straubenzee, MP. Others present
included:

Memorial services

Viscount Goschen

Royal Society

Brighton Festival

elections

Christening

Reception

HM Government

The infant son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Lewis was christened Alexander Edward Meredith by the Alexander soward meredin by me Rev S. Miller at Holy Trinity, Brompton, on April 24. The godparents are Lord Brougham and Vaux, Mr Jeremy Tulk-Bart, Mrs Charlotte Holdsworth-Bant and Mrs Charles Hoare (for whom Princess Subomirska stood proxy).

Today's engagements The Duke of Gloucester opens new driving establishment of Departtin. 2.30.

ton, 2.30.
Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester dines with members of
kiner Temple, 7.
The Duke of Kent; Grand Master
of the Hnited Grand Lodge of
England, attends Grand Festival,
Freemasons' Hall, 4.10.

reemasons' Hall, 4:10.
Lecture: The Rev David Brindley:
"The Problem of the Resurrection", Christian Study Centre,
St Margaret Pattens, Eastcheap,
City, 1:10.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Mr J. E. Powell-Jones, British
Ambassador to Senegal, to be also
the first Ambassador (non-resident) to the Republic of Cape
Verde.

Verde.

Mr Ronald Omions to be editorial director of the London Broadcasting Company with overall responsibility for the programmes of LBC and Independent Radio News. Mr A. F. Walters, of Stubbington House, Ascot, to be Warden of St Michael's College, Tenbury. Mr Michael Stern, a chartered accountant and prospective Conservative candidate for Derby, South, to be chairman of the Bow Group.

University news

Wales Appointments and promotions include Include.

M. J. Bruton, head of the school of planning and landscape, Birmingham Polytechnine, to be professor and head of department of town planning.

Dr A. R. Lipman, reader in Welsh School of Architecture, appointed to a personal chair.

Strathclyde E. L. Furness, MSc. personal professor in the department of economics, has been appointed professor in the department.

Other appointments Officer appointments
Sentor Locturer: K. J. MacCallum.
BSC. PhD, shipbailding and naval archifocture. Lacturers: S. K. Tagg. BSC.
PhD, aris and social studies: A. C.
Nicol. BSc. bloengineering units: N. P.
Rhodes, BA, English studies: N. M.
Kay. BA, Strathclye hustness school,
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blochemistry: B. R. Locturer, BSC.
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PhD. marketing: P. R. Norris,
PhD. marketing: P. R. Norris,
PhD. marketing: D. A. Jones,
BSC.
pure and applied chemistry.

25 years ago From The Times of Saturday, April 26, 1952

Largest radio telescope Unexplored regions of the universe will be opened to astronomers when the world's largest radio telescope is completed at Jodrell Bank, in Cheshire, Britain

Jodrell Bank, in Cheshite. Britain may thus expect to maintain the lead in this comparatively new field of research, which was ploneered by Manchester University under the guidance of Professor A. C. B. Lovell. Construction of the telescope is expected to start this summer and will, it is hoped, be finished in less than four years. With the new equipment it should be possible to ceneva sale was an enthusiastic and exacting teaching till her death.

A scholar of distinction, she was an enthusiastic and exacting teacher, and together with per cent unsold.

At Sotheby's, porcelain boxes, bottles and other curiosities made equipment it should be possible to find out a good deal more about the Milky Way, and it is hoped that the new telescope will enable additional information to be obtained about the sun, meteors, the moon, and some of the nice. additional information to be ob-tained about the sun, meteors, the moon, and some of the planets. It will also be possible to pursue further the mysterious invisible "radio stars", the existence of which was not suspected until it was found that these "stars" were emitting radio waves that could be detected on earth.

Fetish figure price surprises the experts

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent An Angolan carved wood ferish An Angolan carved wood fetish figure took experts on tribal art by surprise in Paris on Monday when it was sold for 160,000 francs (estimate 10,000 to 15,000), or £18,799. It was the top price in the first of a series of sales devoted to the Essayan collection, being held by Boisgirard, the auctioneers.

tioneers.

Among the antiquities was a Himysrite alabasta torso from the Middle East, dating from the first or second century AD at 37,000 francs, or f4,343. There was also an interesting group of European pewter. A goblet with engraved decoration, by Friedrich Freiherr von der Trenck, dating from 1760, went for 13,000 francs or f1,526. Christie's in London were also

went for 13,000 francs or £1,526. Christie's in London were also selling tribal art. A Kongo wood figure of a mother and child brought £5,000 (estimate £5,000 to £12,000). It was sent for sale by £12,000, It was sent for sale by £12,000, It was sent for sale by £12,000 in exchange for one of his collages. Christie's sale of £nglish drawings and watercolours included a Thorburn watercolour, "Smipe on a marsh", at £2,000 (estimate £1,000 to £1,500) and "Foregate, Chester", by Louise Rayner, at £1,700 (estimate £1,200 to £1,500). In Geneva on Monday Christie's

In Geneva on Monday Christie's held a sale of fine German porce-lain totalling £141,140, with 27 per

cent unsold.

They followed it with a wine sale totalling £72,000, with 4 per cent unsold. A single bottle of Chateau d'Yquem 1865 was sold for 650 francs (estimate 350 plus) or £147.

The series of Geneva sales was cent unsold.

The series of Geneva sales was continued yesterday by a two-session auction of objects of virtu totalling £178,011, with 25 per cent unsold. The top price was 38,000 francs (estimate 20,000 to 30,000, or £8,636) for a Louis XV

o £35,887, with 14 per cent unsold. Stamp sale: At a sale of Spanish stamps at Harmers in Bond Street which made £37,804 a fine mint 1853 Queen Isabella 2 reales red which had been bonght at auction in 1942 for £42 was sold by the same purchaser for £5,000 (our stamp Correspondent writes).

A letter of October, 1879, from the Director of Posts at Khartum, made £140 at Stanley Gibbons.

Mrs Henry Clowes, Major and Mrs H. A.D. Bucharan, Lieujenant-Colonel H. Hanbury, Colonel Hugh Brassey H. A.D. Bucharan, Lieujenant-Colonel H. Hanbury, Colonel Hugh Brassey and Colonel E. Gondon, Major of the Henry H. Gondon, Colonel E. Gondon, Mr And H. H. G. Senior, Mr And Mrs Richard Hay, Mr Christoph r Hydo Smith, Colonel G. W. Iulinell, Mr Sustand Hoy, Mr Christoph Right Mr Charles Baldour, Mr Shallon Mr Victor Montagu and Mr John Stobart.

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Queen's Bench Division

Singapore fails in Slater case

Before Lord Justice Shaw, Mr Nield and Mr. Justice

The Government of the Republic of Singapore failed in an ex-parte application for leave to apply for an order of certiorari to quash the decision of the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (Mr K. J. P. Barrachugh) discharging James Derrick Slater from custody in relation to allegations of consultates for the consultates of consultates from the consultates of consultates from the consultates from the consultates of consultates from the consult allegations of conspiracy to steal and to cheat and defraud. Reasons for their Lordships' decision will be given later

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Mr Slater's discharge on ollegations of publishing a false statement as a company director and conspiracy fraudently to induce persons to invest money was not included in the application.
The Singapore Government sought Mr Slater's committal to

custody to await his return to Singapore under the Fugitive Offenders Act, 1967; or for the case to be remitted to Mr Barraclough with a direction to order Mr Stater's return; or for the case to be remitted to Mr Barraclough or another magistrate for rehearing and determination according to law, The grounds of the application were that the magistrate had erred in law and acted without invisibilition and that with a direction to order acted without jurisdiction and that errors of law appeared from his oral judgment—of which the Divisional Court was provided with copies of notes made by the magistrate's clerk and compared by her with his rough notes.

Mr Rouald Waterhouse, QC, Mr
Alexander Irvine and Mr David
Lloyd-Jones for the Singapore Government; Mr John Mathew. OC, and Mr D. Tudor Price for

Slater. Mr Mathew said that Mr Waterhouse's submissions (The Times, April 26)—that there was error of law on the face of the record-

Ex parte Singapore Republic English law, Mr Mathew was appalled that the argument should have been put before their Lord-ships. At the 13-day hearing before the magistrate all parties had agreed—counsel for Mr Slater and Mr Tarling and the prosecution and the magistrate—that it was unnecessary to address any argument on the point at all because the magistrate well knew that it was English law that had to be applied. It had been submitted that an

error appeared on the face of the record because it showed that the magistrate did not commit Mr Slater but did commit Mr Tarling and that, because the evidence did not support that course, there was an error on the face of the record. That could not be an error on the face of the record because the authorities showed that the Divisional Court would not disquise freelf into a court of appeal on evidence from the magistrate.

There had been a supportion on and that, because the evidence on evidence from the magistrate.

There had been a suggestion on behalf of the Singapore Government that the proceedings before the magistrate had been rushed. However, in relation to Mr Slater, no case could have been more thoroughly heard. Six days had been occupied in opening alone.

Me Mortone said that the tenor

Mr Mathew said that the tenor of his main submission to the magistrate was that there had been no dishonesty by Mr Slater. That course had been adopted either than taking are technical rather than taking any technical point of law. Mr Waterhouse had been driven

Mr waterhouse had been driven towards the end of his submissions to saying that the magistrate's decision was perverse. The suggested error of law on the face of the record was that the magistrate had found an insufficient case against one co-conspirator and a sufficient case to answer case against one co-conspirator and a sufficient case to answer against another. That bappened on most days of the week in the courts of this country.

Lord Justice Shaw inquired whether, if there were ever a case in which a magistrate gave a perverse decision under the 1967 Act, Mr. Mathew would argue that were totally misconceived. There was no error, and certainly no clear error, which would make the record bad.

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Connect said that he would argue that showed that the magistrate was confused about the law to apply, than the magistrate was acting the magistrate was acting to the record of the suggestion that the magistrate was acting the magistrat

totally outside his jurisdiction, for example, if he said that he would not look at the evidence. In the present case, however, the magistrate had considered the whole of the evidence with care. whole of the evidence with care, had listened patiently to the submissions and had adjourned for four days to give his decision. His decision was far from being perverse. Anyone who had heard the evidence and read the statements before the court from Mr Slater would have concluded that the decision was correct. decision was correct.

All the authorities cited by Mr

Waterhouse indicated that one thing the Divisional Court would not do was to act as a reviewing court when the magistrate had acted within his jurisdiction. were served on the magistrate on the basis that he was acting per-versely in discharging Mr Slater and committing Mr Tarling, the magistrate's affidavit would have to state all the evidence on which to state all the evidence on which he committed Mr Tarling and not Mr Slater. That was tantamount to stating a case. From Atkinson v United States of America Government ([1971] AC 197) their Lordships knew that the decision of a magistrate on extradition could not be subject to review by case stated. Granting leave in the present case would allow the bringing of appeals on fact.

Mr Waterhouse, in reply, sub-mitted that on the authority of R v Northumberland Compensa-tion Appeal Tribunal. Ex parte Shaw (1952) 1 KB 338, 352) the affidavity and denocitions under affidavits and depositions under the 1967 Act formed part of the record and that their Lordships were entitled to look at them. Lord Justice Shaw, when refus-ing an application by Mr Mathew for costs for Mr Slater, said that the refusal in no way reflected on the refusal in no way reflected on Mr Slater's position; it was based on a procedural difficulty, the on a procedural difficulty, the Singapore Government's applica-tion being ex parte. Mr Mathew's appearance had been of the greatest advantage to Mr Slater and he must rest content with

Viscounters Coschen (widow), Viscount Goschen (son), the Hon Caroline Goschen (daughter), the Hon Mrs Bishop of Rochester, Lord

Angela Goschen (sister), Colonel David Hargreaves, Mr G. J. Hargreaves, Mr Patrick Hargreaves, Mr Andrew Hargreaves, Mr James Scott-Hookins, MP, Miss Jenulier Scott-Hookins, Mr Medical Carbon, Marthew Lamb, Mr Simon Portal, Mr Machin Hardrestile, The Duke of Noriolis, the Marquess of Chilmondeley. The Marquess of Sallabury, Countess St Aldwyn, the Sart of Schirk, QC, Sart Alexander of Tunis, Major-General Earl Catheori, the Earl of Kinnodi. Earl Jelicoe, Sart Ferress, the Countess of Loudoun, tho Carbon Cowerls, the Douveet Miscontiness Monetto of Librochiley Viscount Bridgeman, Viscount Falkland, Viscount Masserens and Ferrard

Mr Seton Gordon

A memorial service for Mr Seton Gordon was held in Kilmuir parish church, Isle of Skye, yesterday. The Rev Angus MacKay, minister, conducted the service and gave an

Employment Appeal Tribunal

Minister's liability for redundancy rebate

[]udgment delivered April 25] The Secretary of State for Employment' was bound to pay employers a rebate from the Redundancy Fund in respect of a redundancy liability they had incurred by promising an employee that his accuracy redundancy rights that his accrued redundancy rights. from a previous period of employment would be protected, even though the employment was not continuous within the meaning of the Redundancy Payments: Act. 1965. The employers were expansed. 1965. The employers were estopped from denying their liability for the previous period of employment and the minister's duty to make a rebate was linked firmly to a finding of liability against the employers by the provisions of section 30 of the Act. The Appeal Tribunal dismissed

an appeal by the minister from a decision of a London industrial tribunal that Globe Elastic Thread Co Ltd were entitled to recover a rebate of 50 per cent of a redundancy payment of £1,086 awarded to Mr T. Wijaszko by an Exeter industrial tribunal on January 13, 1976. The ground of the appeal was that the tribunal the appeal was that the tribunal had erred in law in holding that

the employers were entitled to a full rebate.

Section 30 provides: "(1)

The minister shall make a payment... out of the fund to any employer who (a) is liable under Part 1 of this Act to pay, and has paid, a redundancy payment to au employee."
Mr T. H. Bingham, QC, and Mr
Peter Scott for the minister: Mr Alexander Irvine and Mr Christo-

pher Carr for the employers.
MR JUSTICE KILNER BROWN. reading the judgment of the Appeal Tribunal, said that in 1948 Mr Wijaszko started to work for John Heathcoat & Co Ltd. In 1962 a new company. Globe Elastic Thread Co Ltd. was formed and run in conjunction with Reath-coats. In 1970 Heathcoats told him that there was no more work for him and he agreed to transfer to Globe. He was led to understand

Secretary of State for Employment v Globe Elastic Thrend
Co Ltd

Before Mr Justice Kilner Brown.
Mr A. C. Blyghron and Mr A. J.
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Globe were estropped from disputhalf. But that observation was not Ghibe distributed in 1975.

Brown. The Exercited ribunal held that Globe were estopped from disputing a combinuity of employment going back to 1948, even though the employment was not continuous

in law.

The liability of an employer to make a redundancy payment and of the minister to contribute by way of rebate, or to guarantee full payment where the employer defaulted or became insolvent, was a creature of statutory provisions. The Court of Appeal in Evenden or Guidford City Association Foot-ball Cith Ltd (1975) ICR 3671, had grafted on to those provisions with reference to continuity of employment, the equitable and com-mon law concept of estoppel. That decision was binding on the Appeal Tribunal. It had been held that although in reality there might have been a break in continuity of employment because an appli-cant's employment had shifted to a different employer, nevertheless, in an appropriate case, the presumption in favour of continuity of employment might defeat a second employer who did not have sufficient evidence to contradict the presumption even where there In the particular circumstances the second employer was estopped by his conduct and representations from contending that there was a break in continuity of employment; and there was held to be continuity by reason of conduct which induced the employee to act to his detriment by not claiming a redundancy payment from his first employer. The second dismissing employer was therefore liable to make a redundancy pay

employer was found liable under the statute. But what was the minister's position where the

ment covering both periods of mnloyment. The Appeal Tribunal had no doubt that where a second employer filled to controller the presumption of continuity not only was he liable for the full period but the minister would also be caught by the provisions in the Act which required him to now a rebate where the

that the government always paid half. But that observation was not part of the decisive reasoning, nor was it adopted by the other two members of the court; The employers' case was that once the employers were made liable for a recundancy payment on a basis of continuity of employment, the minister was automatically bound to make a rebate.
The minister's view was that

where liability on a basis of con-tinuity depended on an estoppel which overrode the reality of the situation, he should not be reoutred to make a relate because the only obligation on him was pursuant to the Act itself. He contended that an estoppol was not binding against persons not involved in the situation giving rise to the estoppel.

The minister relied on The minister relied on the indus-trial tribunal's finding that there

had been in reality, a break in continuity and that all that had been decided was that the employers had been estopped from relying on that fact. The Secretary of State contended that he had not been estopped and was not required to make a rebate for a period before the estoppel came into effect.

In section 30 (1)(a) in section 30 (11(a) the minister's liability was linked in clear mandatory terms to a liability to pay on the part of the employer. Plainly the legislature had never contemplated the possible complication which the law of estoppel had created. With hindsight it would have been better if some protective proviso power to escape from the conse-quences of liability in an appropriate case. The lay members of the Appeal Tribunal recognize that they were bound to apply a ligal interpretation and so joined his Lordship with unanimity to reach a conclusion unattractive and repugnant to commonsense.
Unhappily the appeal would be

Solicitors: Solicitor, Department of Employment; Baker & McKenzie.

OBITUARY

SIR DANIEL McGARVEY A dedicated union leader

Sir Daniel McGarvey, CBE, who had been President of the Amalgamated Society of Boiler-makers, Shipwrights, Black-smiths and Structural Workers since 1965, died yesterday at the age of 57. A tough, but dediage of 57. A tough, but dedicated union leader, he devoted his working life to the affairs and welfare of the Boiler-makers' Society and played a major role in the negotiations which led to the saving of the Clyde shipyards in 1972 after the firm, Upper Clyde Shipbulders, had gone bankrupt.

Daniel McGarvey was born in Clydebank in 1919 and educated at Holy Redeemers educated at Holy Redeemers Roman Catholic School, Clyde-bank; and St Patrick's High School, Dumbarton. He began his working life as an apprenconstructive role in the crisis tice caulker in the John Brown which hir the Clyde shipyards Shipyard at Clydebank and soon took his first union role as an in 1971. In June of that year Upper Clyde Shipbuilders went

apprentice representative. Six months after finishing his apprenticeship he was a shop steward and very quickly became a militant of note to employers. At the age of 23 he became a branch secretary and later a trades council and Labour Party representative.

In 1951 he became a fulltime union official as a Member of union official as a Member of the Executive Council for Scot-land and three years later was elected to the Executive of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions.

In 1964 he became General Secretary of the Boilermakers' Section of the Amalgamated Society having already, in 1958, been elected to the National Executive of the Labour Party. The following year he was elected President of the Amalgamated Society, and also became a Member of the General Council of the TUC, of which he became chairman last

In his early days as a trade unionist, an uncompromising left-winger, he moderated his stance in later years and in particular played a crucial and

Some of her friends write: Professor Margaret Harbottle, OBE, who died aged 69, in Peshawar on April 5 is widely

energy and devotion.

drama, and one of her most greatest achievement. DR ALWYN SURPLICE

from 1949 until 1971. A former cil member of the Royal Colmade was to join with the organists of Salisbury and Chichester in restarting the Southern Cathedral Pestival, which was held, for the first which was held, for the first and by his many friends.
time after a long break, in Win- All these 'activities greatly

val is much due to his early efforts.

As a composer he wrote music when he was awarded a sparingly; but the Antiphons Lambeth Doctorate of Music.

Miss Joyce Potter writes: With the passing of Dr Kate
Barratt, CBE (Mrs Tabor) on
March 31 we lose an outstandMarch 31 we lose an outstandFarm and Garden Union (as ing personality in the world of the WFGA was then called) women in Horriculture, espewas in charge of a camp of 500
cially in her capacity as Princirls employed in flax pulling cipal of Swanley College and in on Salisbury plain. For the her long association with the rest of the war she ran a simi-Women's Farm and Garden lar camp in the Auchterarder Association as a member of the area of Scotland where rasp-Council of Management and, berries for jam making were for several years, as Treesurer. extensively grown. Dr Berratt entered Swanley
College as a student in 1902
and subsequently became a lecturer there until 1913 when she
turer there until 1913 when she went to the Imperial College remaining students removed to of Science and Technology Wye College, Kent. where she took her DSc in where sae took her DSC in She was created CEE in 1921. 1920, her studies having been She married Prof R. J. Tabor, interrupted by the 1914-18 war. who died in 1958.

SIR EDWARD RAEBURN

Sir. Edward Raeburn, third baronet, died on April 21 at the Olson, a Circuit Judge since age of 57. He was chairman of 1972, died on April 22 at the age of 57. He was chairman of Raeburn Developments Ltd and Nina Breddal Ltd and sub postmaster at Wadhurst, Sussex. The son of Sir W. Norman Racburn, CBE, KC, he was educated at Uppingham and Christ Church, Oxford, and saw service overseas in the Royal Artillery in the Second World He married in 1950 Joan,

They had one son Mr Michael Edward Norman Raeburn who succeeds his father. Señor Joaquin Juste Cestino, Spanish Ambassador to the Re-

daughter of Frederick Hill.

the incomes policy of the Lebour Government of the letter 1960s, McGarvey was one of the six TUC negotiators who framed the Social Contract between Government and unions in this decade and in 1974 it had been his union which moved the resolution calling for the reelection of a Labour Govern-ment at the TUC's Annual Conference. He was made a CBE in 1970 and knighted in the New Year's Honours this year. He married, in 1942, Jean Scullion. They had

distinguished achievements was a series of remarkably successful productions of Shakespeare, Sheridan and T. S. Eliot.

She was much sought after as an examiner, and the work

which she performed in this respect for the Government of

Pakistan as well as for several

universities was another note-worthy element in her contri-

bution.
She is remembered, though

not only as an admired teacher,

into liquidation with the likeli-hood of the majority of its 8,500

jobs being lost permanently. While shipyard workers staged

a work-in, reluctant to yield jobs even in the face of what

looked like the inevitable.

McGarvey, though not always

entirely trusted by either his members or the management,

persuaded an American compeny, Marathon, to take over the Clydebank yard for building oil rigs. The company did so

with Government assistance. Though a fierce opponent of

PROFESSOR MARGARET HARBOTTLE

mourned throughout the north west frontier of Pakistan, a region to which she had given nearly 30 years of her life with

A graduate of Newnham College, Cambridge, she taught for six years in Egypt. From 1950 onwards, however, except for an interval of a few months in 1955, she worked in Peshawar, first at the Frontier College for Women of which she became principal and subsequently in the department of English in the university, first as Reader, then Professor and finally as Professor Emericus, from 1971 to 1976 she was Chairman of the Department. She continued

the high standards for which her funeral that she had become the department became known a bridge between the British throughout Pakistan and in-deed, to some degree, beyond it. Her particular field was the too. And this was probably her

but equally-or rather more-as a greatly loved friend. To an extremely wide circle of Paki-stanis, as also the small British community, she came to be a natural adviser and comforter for anyone with troubles or problems. To everyone she gave understanding and sympathy. To very, very many—whenever it was possible to her—she gave practical help, rop. And the family of Pakistani children whom she adopted loved her. and now mourn her, as a second

mother.

Dr Reginald Alwyn Surplice, which he composed for the who died on April 21, was Cathedral Choir to sing before Organist and Master of the each service have become an Music at Winchester Cathedral essential part of the worship at Winchester, as have some of his president of the Cathedral chants—in particular his unsur-Organists Association and coun-passed quadruple chant for the 15th Evening. He also wrote lege of Organists, he had had some charmine carols, and the a severe heart complaint from "Stork Carol" has been sung which he never fully recovered. all over the world. Alwyn Surplice's 22 years at He greatly enjoyed his con-Winchester will be chiefly re-ducting work: with the Southampton Philharmonic membered for his development Southampton Philharmonic of the choral foundation, and Choir from 1958-65, and with for his work with parish church the Waynflete Singers who choirs throughout the diocese, were formed in 1970 for the

chester in 1960; and the sub-contributed to the musical life sequent expansion of the festi-of the cathedral, and he richly deserved the highest recognition of his services to church

DR KATE BARRATT

When, in 1915, there was an

HIS HON JUDGE

Wve College, Kont. She was created CEE in 1921.

OLSON His Honour Judge Sven Olof age of 60. Born in July, 1916, he was educated at Mill Rill School and Ealliol College, Oxford. He was called to the Par in 1938 and served in the Second World War as a Lieur enant in the Oxford and Burlis Light Infantry before becoming a Captain in the Intelligence Corns in 1943. He become a Bencher of the Middle Tennile in 1953 and was come a County Court Judge in 1971.

Mr Harold Floskins, a Middle East expert and former Director of the United States State Department's Foreign Service public of Ireland since 1973, has Institute (FSI), has died at the died in Dublin at the age of 65. age of 81.

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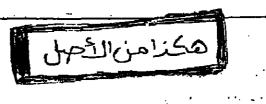
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BUSINESS NEWS



LAING COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION SERVICE

Wilson team

decision over

City report

Houses Committee, have not been delivered despite the pre-Easter deadline set by the Com-

After its second meeting in

February the Committee decided to ask ten leading

bodies whether they could sub-

mit preliminary evidence on the subject of industrial investment

At the time many felt that this was an impossibly stringent

deadline, and for some it quickly became clear that this was so. Moreover, while the Wilson Committee asked for

evidence urgently with the idea

that this could be amended or

withdrawn later, some institu-tions have been unwilling to

make their views known on this

Certainly, the Stock Exchange

and the Accepting Houses Com-mittee, which represents the interests of 17 leading City merchant banks, felt that any

views they put before the Committee should be fully con-sidered and able to stay on the

record.
The Stock Exchange, which

now aims to deliver its views on

funds for industry, is consider-

ing whether its submission should be published almost at

funds within two months.

mittee.

postpones

Parsons attacks **Drax** indecision and plans 1,600 redundancies

By Malcolm Brown

C. A. Parsons, the Newcastlebased electrical engineering company announced yesterday that it is to make 1,600 employees redundant. It placed partial responsibility for the cutback on the Government.

Dr Robert Hawley, managing director of the company, blamed prevarication over the ordering of the Drax B power station as a contributory factor to the company's decision. "If Drax were to go ahead soon we could reconsider the situation, he

Yesterday's announcement would appear to increase the attractiveness to Sir Arnold Weinstock of suggestions that GEC should take over the C. A. Parsons part of the Reyrolle Parsons group. Sir Arnold, managing director of GEC, is saying nothing about discussions he is having with the Govern-ment, but is believed to think

Parsons is overmanned. In a statement, Parsons said that redundancies would start on August 5 and continue until the end of 1978.

Substantial manpower reductions had already taken place by natural wastage, the com-pany added, but the continued delay in placing the Drax order and the lack of expected export orders meant that a critical position had now been reached. Dr Hawley said that during ness. the past two years the company had made it abundantly clear to stantly maintained that it will the Government, the Department of Industry and the Department of Energy, that the Drax order was needed to preserve skills in the North-east in has offered to consider particireadiness for the recovery in pation in a national turbine the export market and envisaged for the outer market envisaged for the outer market.

"All in all, the Government try", said the statement.

This is a pointed reference to the export market and an skills we have here. There is still no firm commitment to go forward with Drax, and Parsons has already waited many months before being forced

into this unfortunare step."

Dr Hawley made it plain that while aware of the GEC

structuring of the industry, was in favour of a national com-

This alternative, which is favoured by the Parsons unions, would involve GEC and Parsons taking equal stakes in a national

turbine generator company and the National Enterprise Board taking a 20 per cent stake.

Meanwhile, in an unusual move the Reyrolle Parsons board issued a checklist of requirements which any buyer of quirements which any buyer of the turbine generator business would have to fulfil.

Noting that press reports had suggested that Reyrolle Parsons had agreed to dispose of C. A. Parsons, the statement said that such reports were "speculative" because no negotiations had taken place. "They are incomplete in so far as they do not mention the conditions on which Reyrolle Parsons would have to be satisfied before any such sale could be considered." Demands laid down by Rey-rolle Parsons include "accept-

ance by both management and labour", as stated in the think tank report on the future of the power plant manufacturing industry; fair security of em-ployment between the respective manufacturing units; recog-nition of the technology at Par-sons; the placing of the turbine generators for Drax B with Parsons, and the payment of a reasonable price for the busi-

"Reyrolle Parsons has concooperate in the restructuring of the industry provided that the interests of employees and shareholders are protected and

Drax forward to preserve the the likely changes on the other side of the industry where Babcock and Wilcox and Clarke Chapman are now conducting talks on a possible agreement It is thought this agreement could take up to another two months to reach. But it might well form the basis for talks with the NEB over forming a takeover plan, Parsons, which with the NEB over for acknowledged the need for re- national boiler company.

Mr Varley asked to delay Hitachi venture

By Peter Hill Mr Varley, the Secretary of State for Industry, has been asked to delay for at least six months decisions on plans by the Japanese Hitachi company to establish a colour television assembly plant in the United Kingdom

Kingdom.

The electronic consumer goods sector working party—one of many comminees involved in work on the Government's industrial strategy—wants time to enable the working party on the consumer to enable the working party on the consumer to the consumer mans time in enable me working party to draw up a strategic plan for the industry so that the Government could reach a policy decision.

There has been strong opposi tion to the Japanese company's plans from domestic television manufacturers. Both employers and trade unions are united against approval being given to Hitachi in view of the substantial overcapacity which exists in the industry.

At the end of this week members of the electronic consumer goods working party and the electronic components working party (one of five industrial sectors singled out for priority treatment under the industrial strategy) will meet Sir Peter Carev, Permanent Secretary at the Department of Industry, to

discuss the issue.

Sir Peter, who was recently in Japan, has taken a keen interest in the Hitachi venture, and particularly the implica-tions of its recent link with a television tube factory in Fin-

Tomorrow manufacturers and trade unions in the television and components industry will meet MPs in London to step up their campaign against the Hitachi project.

But earlier this week there were indications that the Government might approve the Japanese company's plans, sub-ject to Hitachi meeting tough conditions on the purchase of components from United Kingdom companies and the proportion of home and export sales. Japan's ship exports: Japan's shipbuilding industry, whose ageressive marketing and price cutting tactics have led to strong protests by European shipbuilders, vesterday revealed that total ship exports in the fiscal year to the end of last month had amounted to over 6.3m tons gross compared with nearly 5.4m tons in the previous

School leavers push up jobless total

Easter school leavers pushed up total unemployment in Britain at the middle of this month; but the number out of work among adults remained virtually unchanged.

Unemployment school leavers was 1,269,000 on a seasonally adjusted basis (5.5 per cent of the workforce), up 1,100 on the previous month. The small increase after im-provement in two previous months brought new encouragement to the Government, whose forecasts suggest that the level of joblessness is likely to go on rising throughout the year.

Unfilled vacancies also increased slightly, continuing the favourable trend which seems to have existed since October. The latest figures are made particularly difficult to interpret because of the sharp increase in the number of school leavers registered as unemployed, At 50,353 the total is up by 19,060 from March

because of school leavers at Easter. They pushed up the figure for the United Kingdom to 1,392-250. This was 8,778 above the total for March.

At 5.9 per cent the unemployment rate is the highest for April since the war. The Easter contingent of school leavers will

likely to boost the crude unemployment figures signifi-

But for adults unemployment has come down by about 11,500 as industries which laid off workers during the winter, such as building, picked up again slightly. It is only after seasonal corrections have been made to the figures that adult unemploy-ment shows a rise during the

month to mid-April.

However the details are interpreted, it is clear that during the past few months unemployment has not continued to increase at the rate of around 10,000 a month which was being recorded in the latter part of last year.

Some of the credit for this

should probably go to the workings of the Temporary Employ-ment Subsidy and other job protection and creation pro-grammes. But these measures may now be coming to the end of their greatest effectiveness and this could mean renewed upturn in the unemployment rate in the months to come. Uncertainty about whether or

not unemployment will rise is a great deal more pleasant than being sure that it will go up. However, government officials have been seeking explanations why unemployment does not seem to be rising at a time when be joined by a much larger industrial production is not of workers co-group in the summer which is showing any significant growth they produce.

REGIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT

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and when employment in the public sector is being held

picture may become clearer next month when figures showing flows on and off the register of unemployed become available for the first time since they were interrupted in Octoby industrial action by Department of Employment

One calculation which has been done by government offi-cials which would seem to support the belief that unemployment may not grow rapidly in the months ahead is to work out how the wage costs of workers compare with what

UNEMPLOYMENT The following are the monthly figures for Great Britain released by the Department of Employment

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March	1,235	1,183	5.1	120	for industry.
April	1,231	1,193 1,204	5.2	120	Yesterday's meeting of the
May	1,220		5.2	118	Committee—its third since it
June July	1,278 1,402	1,210 1,237	5.3	114	was set up by the Prime
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Oct	1,321	1,256	5.5	124 123	ance company nationalization-
Nov	+	1,230	5.5 †	123	was largely inconclusive.
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1977		•	•	•	notably those from the Con-
Jan	1,390	1,285	5.6	t	federation of British Industry,
Feb	1,365	1,278	5.5	149	the Stock Exchange, the Bank
March	1,328	1,268	5.5	156	of England and the Accepting
April	1,336	1,269	5.5	157	Houses Committee, have not

*Excluding school leavers. † Figures not available. † Setimate

This calculation shows that in 1975 wage costs per unit of output went up sharply, which may have induced the increase in unemployment last year. Since then they have moved back in line with historic trends.

Credit Suisse refuses £691m standby offer

Geneva, April 26
The Swiss banking establishment today mounted a big confidence-building operation in the face of what threatened to become one of the country's

financial scandals.

Two of the "big three" banks joined the Swiss National Bank in offering their ravil, Credit Suisse, standby credit of 3.000m francs (about £690m) to

meet investment losses of up to 2,200m francs by three Credit Suisse managers in Chiasso.

After a meeting at the National Bank last night, the three institutions offered to put the sum at Credit Suisse's disposal "spontaneously", according to the bank's

announcement. But Credit Spisse, the oldest of the three big commercial banks, said it could cover any losses out of contingency reserves. It took pains to make sure its customers and investors were told it did not need the

Swiss banking shares had of the company's as yet un-

probably one of their worst days ever today. Even the Swiss franc was infected by the nervousness as investors switched into United States dollars and the West German mark.

The announcement of the offer standby credit did little stop Credit Swisse shares sliding 10 per cent down on the Zurich exchange during the day. The public prosecutor in the southern Swiss Ticino region bordering Italy, has placed the three accused bank officials in investigative detention on suspicion of "disloyal management" and falsifying docu-

The investment money came from 1,000 Italian customers of Credit Suisse, which was steered over a period of years into a Liechenstein holding company, Texon Finanzanstalt of Vaduz. This was founded in 1961, with capital of 50,000 francs (about £10.000), though this increased tenfold last January. Texon, according to Credit Suisse, which has taken control

capital of the Albarella com-pany, the owner of a luxury boliday centre near Venice and the Ampaglas plastics company of Tribiano, near Milan. The customers had fiduciary

accounts under which the bank

trades in its own name with their money and at their risk. The risk began to reveal itself 12 days ago when Credit Suisse announced the company—with-out naming it—was in difficul-ties and the bank could lose up to 250m francs (about £60m) as a result of the transactions. The public prosecutor said the Chiasso branch even offered guarantees worth 250m francs to the investors—all this with-out informing head office or keeping th ebooks that would have warned Credit Suisse headquarters in Zurich what

was going on. Credit Suisse shares, which had just equalled their year's

realized assets, owns the Winefood group responsible for a
significant part of Italy's wine
production.

It is also said to hold the
capital of the Albarella comthe company of a lumined by 20 per cent in the week that followed. But when the public prosecutor announced the arrests and the dimensions of the scandal yesterday. Credit in the slumped by 20 per cent in two days' trading. The bank promised today that

bona fide account holders at chiasso whose money slipped into the coffers of Texon could have 75 per cent of it back immediately if they wanted it. The rest was held back on the orders of Swiss authorities to meet any claims for tax or negative interest.
This did not mean Credit

Suisse was leaving in with an offer to pay our 1,600m francs (£400m) immediately. The stress was on bona fide, on the clients who came to the Chiasso branch in good faith and then saw their money disappear. The credit standby offer, almost testily spurned, looked as if it had been patterned on the loan offers to ailing national econo-mies by the International Mone-

the same time as it is delivered to the Wilson Committee in early June. Mr Tim Mr Tim Cohen, director general of the Acception Houses Committee, said vester-day that it was unthinkable that the AHC should try to produce Houses Committee, said an "off the cuff exercise" on a vitally important subject, particularly since it was representing the views of 17 banks.

Nevertheless, yesterday's

meeting of the Committee was able to discuss several submis-**Brooke Bond to**

sions, notably those from the clearing banks. The Committee's next meetoutstanding sections of evidence are unlikely to be in before the end of June the question of whether or not to produce an interim report later this year may not be decided now until later in the summer.

Since other "providers and users of funds" have been invited to make submissions to the Committee on the so-called stage one of the inquiry, it could be late July, allowing for some further slippage, before the Committee is in a position to decide whether it can produce an interim report of any duce an interim report of any significance by the end of the

year.

It is known, however, that the four-strong trade union representation on the Committee, headed by Mr Len Murray, the TUC General Secretary, is particularly anxious that the Wilson team should make an early contribution to the debate on industrial investment.

Kirkby cooperative gains £860,000 further state aid

Industrial Editor

Against the advice of the Industrial Development Advisory Board, the Government is to give £850,000 by way of taxpayer grant to the workers' cooperative at Kirkby, Merseyside. This sum is in addition to the controversial £3.9m grant to the controversial £3.9m grant to the controversial £3.9m grant the government they would not have to apply for any further state aid.

"I have consulted the IDAB who did not recommend support since the proposal does not comply with the criteria for selective financial assistance laid before the House in January, 1976", Mr Variety discovered the government they would not have to apply for any further state aid. made just over two years ago.
When the cooperative, called kirkby Manufacturing and Engineering Co, was set up with the blessing of Mr Benn, then Secretary of State for Industry, the advisory board took the unusual course of laying a statement of its objections to state.

ment of its objections to state assistance before Parliament. Yesterday, Mr Benn's successor, Mr Varley, said the extra £860,000 was to finance future activity. The cooperative had

laid before the House in January, 1976", Mr Varley disclosed. In view-of severe unemployment in Kirkby, he had decided to offer the grant to give the cooperative the maximum opportunity to make a success of their maximum and thus cess of their venture, and thus

to secure 775 jobs.
It is not known whether Mr
Peter Carey, Permanent Secretary at the Department of
Industry, who minuted an objection to the original Kirkby grant, has recorded any further dissent.

Banks and insurance revealed as Arab havens

revealed yesterday that it holds a 9.97 per cent stake in Sun Life Assurance; 5.875 per cent of Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance and 6.22 per cent of Legal & General Assurance Society. In the insurance broking sector, the Kuwaitis hold 8.44 per cent of Alexander Howden and 6.9 per cent of Stenhouse Holdings.

house Holdings.

The four major English clearing banks have been ignored. but the disclosure rules reveal a 5.81 per cent holding in the Bank of Scotland and a 5.76 per cent stake in the National

By Ray Maughan
Investments in shipping, radar and weighing machines have emerged as havens for Arab funds under the new disclosure rules. But banking, insurance and investment trusts are the chief targets.

The Kuwait Investment Office revealed yesterday that it holds a 9.97 per cent stake in Sun

Commercial Banking Group.

Trusts are strongly represented with holdings of 5.085 per cent in Caledonian Investments, 7.3 per cent in London Scornish American Trust and 5.84 per cent of Romney Trust in Kuwaiti control.

Other financial sector stakes comprise 8.16 per cent of Provi-dent Financial Group and 9.67 per cent of Union Discount. Investment in industrial stocks is far outweighed in the stocks is far outweighed in the Kuwait Investment Office portfolio by financial holdings. But belting manufacturer, BBA Group, is 7.94 per cent owned by the Kuwaitis, a stake of 9.89 per cent has been taken in Decca, 9.05 per cent in Averys and 5.58 per cent in Trafalgar House. Trafalgar House. corporation Financial News, page 24 announced;

Sir William Ryland to retire on October 31

Sir William Ryland (right), chairman of the Post Office for more than six years, is to retire on October 31. Sir William's departure several months earlier than had been expected is at his own request.

He apparently feels that his successor will need to take over the chair as soon as practicable if he is to grapple with the problems of restructuring the corporation which are likely to follow the Carter Committee investigation into the Post Office's structure.

Sir William was originally to retire in December, 1974, but agreed at the request of the Secretary of State for Industry to continue for a further three

The new chairman of the

were altered because of the complications of advance cor-

As compensation for agreeing to this, "Shell " Transport gets a 15 per cent supplement on the cash amount of group divi-

dends for eight years from 1977. The latest report and accounts showed that the United King-

dom arm had some £5m of stored-up dividends waiting for the day when the ending of dividend restraint would allow this to be passed to share-

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poration tax.



raise £19.8m by rights issue Brooke Bond opened the

Brooke Bond opened the rights issue gates a little wider yesterday with its second fund raising exercise in less than 18 months. Shareholders in the tea, coffee and general foods group are being asked to put up £19.8m on a one-for-four basis at 40p.

Explaining why it had decided to come to the market for the second time, Brooke Bond said that tea and coffee prices had almost quadrupled since December, 1975, when the group successfully launched its £12.7m issue.

The rise in commodity prices was chiefly responsible for the £40m rise in stocks between this date and March 31, 1977, and the resulting sharp rise in trees the former for the former teams.

and the resulting sharp rise in gross borrowings from £78m to £111m.

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Engineers seek to upset TUC recruiting ruling

By Derek Harris A request to overrule its disputes committee's findings in the first round of an inter-union battle over recruitment of professional engineers will be put to the TUC General Council

The disputes committee came down on the side of the Technical Administrative and Supervisory Section (TASS) of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers over recruit-ment of professional engineers at the GEC reactor equipment complex at Whetstone, Leices-

It was a serious setback for the Electrical Power Engineers' Association which has been pursuing an expansionist policy for new members. Now EPEA has written to the General Council asking that the disputes committee decision be set aside as "null and void" because the award was contrary to both the evidence and the Bridlington agreement covering inter-unionnon-poaching of members.

As part of its policy of strengthening its image among professional engineers, the EPEA yesterday changed its name to the Engineers and Managers Association (EMA). But EPEA, dealing in future only with the electricity supply industry, will continue as part of EMA, which is seen potentially as a confederation

Mr John Lyons, general sec-retary of EPEA, will also hold the same post with the EMA, which yesterday gave its sup-port to around 100 middle and senior managers at the Newcastle upon Type works of Clarke Chapman. The managers are working to rule because they object to the possible effects of effects of an agreement on representation between the com-nany and TASS.

Shell shares boosted by hopes of dividend relaxation

Shell Transport and Trading, the United Kingdom arm of the Royal Dutch Shell oil group, is understood to be representing understood to be representing its case for freedom from dividend restraint to the Treasury. In a rare comment on stock market rumours yesterday, which had sent the shares 16p higher to 524p before closing a net 4p up at 512p, Shell admitted that it had applied for exemption from the United Kingdom rules in March at about the same time as Inch-cape's successful application, but had been turned down.

How the markets moved

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Hmbro 6p to 91p
20p to 146p
New 19p to 105p
td 10p to 223p
afe 8p to 225p
use 291p to 971p

Barclays Bank 5p to 240p
Rlyvoors 20p to 280p
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Equities rallied from a weak start. Git-edged securities saw little

Douar premum 22 per cent). (effective rate 47.323 per cent). Sterling was one point up at \$1.7192. The "effective devalua-

tion " rate was 61.8 per cent.

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no fresh application is at present before the authorities, but the possibility of a further one cannot be ruled out."

The Treasury refused to comment on the rumours, but it is thought that it would be polici-cally difficult for Shell to be excluded from the present rules Akhough several companies had sizable British operations, have successfully negotiated their way round dividend restraint, including Ocean Wilsons, Paterson Zochonis, Incheape and, most recently, Rio Tinto-Zinc, on the grounds that the bulk of their assets and of dividends between Royal

12p to 99p 3p to 44p 8p to 260p 3p to 43p 9p to 164p

14p to 508p 8p to 458p 10p to 171p 2p to 23p

Newman Tonks

McLeod Russel 5p to 215p Raberoid 2p to 25p SA Land 2p to 34p Turner Newall 6p to 178p UC Invest 5p to 170p

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Gold was 51.5 down at \$147.125 an ounce.

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Kingdom, there are no hard and fast rules on when the controls will be waived.

Unilever, for example, re-cently had informal discussions with the Treasury on the possi-bility of being exempted from the rules; but it was turned down on the grounds that it had sizable British operations, deriving a third of its profits in the United Kingdom and with some 90,000 of its work-

The Times index : 173.54+0.34

The FT index: 421.0+2.0

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while SDR-f was 0.674887.
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dropped. Reuter's index was at
1728.5 (previous 1735.6).
Reports pages 24, 25 and 26 Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied yesterday by Barchya Bank International Lid. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business. Banque Sunghai Krian Rubber Estates

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T.P.T. Vantona Interim Statement:

Mexico raising £90m five-year floating rate loan Mexico's Public Works Bank

-Banco Nacional de Obras y Servicios Pubicos SA of Mexico—is raising \$150m (nearly £90m) through a fiveyear floating rate loan. The initial coupon on the

loan (for which syndication begins on Wednesday) is not yet known. But it is believed that it will follow the pattern set by the Petroleos Mexicanos issue a month ago, it being at a given margin over the London rate on interbank money in the first two years, and at a higher margin in the final

Management group for the loan, led by Orion Bank, includes: Banco de Santander, Bank of Montreal, Bankers Trust International, Drescher Bank and Lloyds Bank Inter-national Libra Bank and Pitts-burgh National are co-managers. The proceeds of the loan are to be used to finance public works in Mexico.

end strike but Ford

By R. W. Shakespeare

called off their strike.

American CIA sees Russia as oil

importer 'within a few years'

the motor industry which have

made some 16,000 workers idle

and cost production losses of

when 80 truck drivers at Ley-

land's Jaguar plant in Coventry

million barrels a day. But the

approaching exhaustion, and to offset depletion the USSR will

have to develop new capacity from 1976 to 1980 of some 7.8

million barrels a day. The CIA suggests that this cannot be

The Soviet approach to oil according to the CIA, "has led to an emphasis on develop-

meny drilling over exploration,

with the result that new disco-veries are failing to keep pace

with output growth; over-production of existing wells and fields through rapid water

injection and other methods, with the result that less of the

oil in place is ultimately recovered; and new capacity

requirements that soon will run far beyond the Soviet oil industry's capability".

The CIA pointed out that its
"best estimate" of proven
Soviet oil reserves is 30,000 to

35,000 million barrels. How-

bulk of Soviet production has large areas of reserves as the come increasingly from fields Arctic, Eastern Siberia and off-

Mr Healey hopes London summit | Leyland truckdrivers will aid world recovery hopes

From Frank Vogl Washington, April 26 Mr Denis Healey, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, hopes that the summit meeting in London will strengthen confidence in the industrial and financial world, on both sides of the Atlantic, in the probability that the present pace of recovery will be sustained through next

The Chancellor told the National Press Club here that there is widespread concern that world economic recovery will not last and that there will be a move back to recession. He hopes that the summit conference will give reassurance that "the world economy is on

Mr Healey was confident that agreements in principle would

national Monetary Fund meeting on the creation of a new facility to strengthen the fund's financial resources, and on an increase in IMF member coun-

He said: "We are not a bit worried about the withdrawal of the United States tax rebate proposal in view of current developments in the American economy, and so long as this economy does achieve the 6 per cent real economic growth rate now being predicted by the Administration. But he did note that one of the most difficult problems to be discussed this week and at the summit was how to stimulate further the world economy, while avoid-

ing a new upswing in inflation.

The Chancellor was optimistic

pects, noting that the inflation rate will be down to about 7 per cent by the summer of 1978, that the balance of payments would be in substantial surplus next year and that "we will succeed in negotiating a new pay policy agreement ". In answer to a question, the Chancellor said: "There is no

risk whatever of unemployment

about 1.5 per cent.

From Frank Vogl

Washington, April 26

US Economics Correspondent

Oil production in the Soviet

Union will soon peak, "possi-

bly as early as next year, and certainly not later than the early 1980s," according to a detailed report on USSR oil prospects that has been declas-

sified and released by the Cen-

tral Intelligence Agency.
The decime in Soviet oil out-

put could have a major effect on this country's foreign trade

position. Oil exports to the West from the USSR, which now provide 40 per cent of total annual Soviet hard cur-

rency earnings, will probably fall substantially, Exports of Soviet gas will rise, "but will

not compensate for the loss of

earnings from the export of

Last year the Soviet Union produced 10.4 million barrels

of oil per day and for a short period it may soon achieve

maximum output of 11 to 12

oil", noted the CIA.

reaching two million by the end But at Ford's plant at Haleof this year." He said that the inflation stewards walked out of a meetrate is likely to rise in the next few months, but it should start which fresh attempts were being made to settle the 10-day-old to decline in the autumn, reaching a 12 per cent rate by the end of December and single strike by 1,000 toolroom and maintenance engineers that has figures by the second quarter of next year. Real growth in Britain, however, will only be

classified into a higher pay One of two major disputes in grade has cost Leyland produc tion of cars worth about £5m The company has still refused to meet the drivers' claim which around £20m; ended yesterday, has also failed to find support from the Transport and General

Last night a Leyland spokes man said that the 5,000 workers wood on Merseyside shop at the car assembly and nearby components plant would be reing with their management ar called tonight. At the Ford plant the shop stewards abruptly ended their

talks with the management yesterday when the company caused layoffs of 9,000 workers. refused to rescind a disciplinary
The Jaguar dispute over a suspension imposed on 8 men claim by the drivers to be re- last week for leaving early.

ever, development in such

shore sites is seen as being a

Only a small contribution to

total output is likely in the early 1980s from new offshore Caspian wells, and new disco-

veries on the east shore of the Caspian Sea and in the Perhora region west of the

The CIA flatly asserted that

its estimates show that the Soviet Union will fail to

achieve its present goals of keeping output levels nearly

constant west of the Urals, while doubling production in West Siberia. It noted that last year about 60 per cent of West Siberian production, equalling one-fifth of total Soviet oil output, came from the large

Samotlor field, which will not be able to maintain its high

output level for more than

another four years because of mounting water incursion.

least a decade away.

The descending ceiling of peace talks break down higher paid employment the Price Code

Sir, The Finance Bill defines years.

Meanwhile, the higher rates

higher paid employment" as employment with emoluments at the rate of £5,000 a year or £6,000 taxable income in the more". Miraculously the Bill will substitute "£7,500" for "55,000" for the year 1978/79. In 1974 the Government's

reference to the Royal Comon the Distri-of Incomes and mission Wealth stated that there was a need for a comprehensive and objective analysis of all forms income from employment and self-employment at the higher levels "exceeding, say, £10,000 a year before tax". In 1975 higher paid employ

ment was defined as £8,500 pa for the purposes of incomes policy. Any worker earning more than that experi-

enced frozen pay for two of income tax have moved from £2,000 to £5,000 and now

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present Finance Bill. It would be interesting to know by what criteria and definition higher paid employment moves from £10,000 in 1974 through £8,500 in 1975 to £7,500 in 1978, what with infla-

tion and all that means. Perhaps it all depends on whose fingers are on the pin. Yours faithfully, PAUL NICOLSON,

Employee Confederaton Organisations, 39 High Street, Wheathampstead, St Albans, Herts AL4 8DG.

British goods in EEC countries

From Frau Eunice Herjurth Sir, Will someone be kind enough to explain to me how the EEC works; why most Britrish commodities sold on the Continent cost from 80 to 100 per cent more than in the United Kingdom?

If British manufacturers, in agreement with their German counterparts, prefer to sell fewer goods at high prices to the small class of people who can afford them to providing

a larger section of the population with goods at lower prices, they are doubtless acting in the interests of their shareholders, but it is difficult to see how the average consumer benefits by the EEC or how the number of British unemployed is likely to be substantially reduced by EUNICE HERFURTH.

Drosselweg 12, 2409 Scharbeutz,

Public service

From Mr D. H. G. Tollemach. Sir, I wonder if anyone can tell me why the government offices and local government authorities are not subject to the Price Code, like us lesser mortals? During, the past month I

(1) Applied for a duplicate driving licence. The form said that the fee was £0.25. T received a letter from the vehicle and driving licence authority in Swansea telling me to send a further £1.75 since printing the form tobtained from the Post Office the day before) they told me the fee had gone up to £2—this is an increase of 800 per cent. (2) I also collected my wine licence (we have a small off licence). The local authority now charge £6, last year it was

£2. This is an increase of 300 per cent. The Government is trying to keep inflation down. Should they not set an example? Shouldn't the Government be subject to the Price Code? Are

they within the law in increas-

ing their charges by so much?

Yours faithfully, D. H. G. TOLLEMACHE, 76 The Mint,

Heat-power findings: time for action

Sir, A brief reading of the Department of Energy's report on combined heat power schemes supplemented by seeing Kenneth Owen's report "More heat than light" (April 15) sent me hurrying to by Microcosmographia Academica to rediscover that apt statement: "There is only one

argument for doing something; the rest are arguments for doing nothing" and I was reminded that at least 20 years arguments for doing nothing were actively discussed. Now that public debate is going to be thrown into the mish-mash of doubt, it seems likely that at least another 25 vears will elanse before a

further similar report is pro-duced, and longer before any positive action is taken. The findings of the Department of Energy's report are by no means new. Less sophisticated examinations of the subject produced the same kind or favourable answers in 1965 and 1968-and nothing came from them either. One other— and happy—thing consistent in energy resources, an economy too readily overlooked in favour of hazards in financial outturn. This strikes me as an onas at the end of the day energy resources are vital to future well-being in so far as they cannot be replaced. Money, amortization, interest rates, et al, have their relevance but surely pale as matters of com-parative importance.

Even so, one cannot help but wonder why other countries indulge in heat power systems so extensively. Do the Russians and Swedes, for instance, promote these systems purely because of fuel shortages? Or do they use them because they are economic in their own

right?
Whatever the truth of the matter, it would be timely to make a decision now to go ahead. The sum involved might seem to be large (£300m has ture and future reports, been bandied about), but what- Yours faithfully, ever it is, in due course resources would be saved and employment would be created: in other words, there would be inevitable positive direct benefits. Herifords There is no desire to be critical. April 16.

all the reports is the saving of in other analogous matters but energy resources, an economy surely such doubly beneficial expenditure would rank favourably with that directed solely to saving jobs.

The proposition, for instance, would be linked with or replace

the Drax power station extension of which we have heard so much and would make so far as one can judge, a better argument for that station than that currently exposed. The mere fact that the Department of Energy report

surfaced is gratifying. Heat/power systems are not the answer to all our energy problems by any manner of mears, but if your correspondent is at all right, they can provide material savings in a relatively short rime—and rime for new developments. And, of course, if such a system were put in hand soon the difficulties would speak for themselves and there would be less need for conjec-W. L. WILSON.

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In brief

Finance chief advises industry 'invest now'

Companies considering capital investment should take advantage of today's favourable interest rates, Lord Seebohm advised Teesside and District Chamber of Commerce and Industry yesterday.

Lord Seebohm, who is chair-man of Finance for Industry and its subsidiary Industrial and Commercial Finance Corporation, a major source of long-term finance for small and medium-sized companies, said that interest rates were unlikely to drop much further, if at all, in the foreseable further. in the foreseeable future.

But with continuing inflation the costs of installing new plant and machinery would continue to rise. The longer industrial investment was delayed, the more expensive it become.

Pensions board helps three preserve rights

Last year the Occupational Pensions Board helped three people who retired early to get their pensions, according to the board's third annual report, published yesterday.

In two cases the board cooperated with pension scheme felt debarred from making the necessary rule amendments until they were ordered by the board to do so; but in the third case the scheme's administrators declined to make the reboard had to make preservation amendments to this scheme on

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schemes were noted as satisfying the requirement of the Social Security Act, 1973, that pension benefits should be preserved, bringing the cumulative total since September 1974 to more than 30,000.

Some 3,500 schemes had, by the end of the year, been cleared as meeting the requirement of the Act for equal access to membership for men and women, and 1,000 schemes had been referred back to their administrators because this requirement was not met

Paris talks resume

The Conference on International Economic Cooperation (CIEC), better known as the North-South dialogue, resumed yesterday in Paris in an attempt to reach agreement before the ministerial session scheduled

for May 30. Main problems still to be quired amendments, and the settled include the rescheduling of the large external debts of poor nations, guarantees on an interim basis.

During the year more than the indexing of raw material 25,500 occupational pension prices to inflation.

Outlook 'grim' for yards

Industrial Correspondent

Prospects are grim for Britain's shipbuilding industry, soon to be nationalized. Although there was a near doubling in the volume of new orders in the first three months of this year compared with the corresponding period of last year, ships are still being completed at a faster rate than orders are being secured.

Figures issued last night by the Shipbuilders and Repairers National Association, showed that United Kingdom yards obtained orders for 18 ships in the first three months of the year totalling 96,700 tons gross

compared with 14 ships totalling 51,600 tons in the corresponding period of last year.

The industry's total order book at the end of last month amounted to 195 ships of 2.7 million tons gross with a value of £931m. A year ago the industry held orders for 235 ships totalling 3.9 million tons with a value of £1,048m.

The concern of the organizing committee for British Shipbuilders, the new State corporation which has still to be formally constituted, although the new body is to be vested on July 1, must be to secure new orders at the earliest oppor-

Tanners seek court injunction By Derek Harris

Tanners objecting to the National Enterprise Board's proposed £3m support for the tanning interests of Barrow Hepburn Group, yesterday issued an interlocutory summons to secure a court injunction to halt the deal.

The NEB had said it would not complete the deal with the Barrow Group until after Friday, but was expected under the terms of its agreement with Barrow to put through final completion by next Monday. If the group of tanners secure the injunction it could postpone

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

A hazy line on dividend restraint

In the wake of such large groups as Inchape and Rio into-Zinc escaping the dividend control net, it comes as something of a cold douche for those hoping for a more tem-perate line from the Treasury to find that Shell Transport & Trading has been turned down that by the Treasury in its application for exemption, presumably on the same grounds as the others that the lion's share of assets and earnings are outside the United Kingdom.

Of course, there is no love lost between the Treasury and the oil companies given the latter's abilit yto minimise their tax payments in the United Kingdom and as the Chancellor said in his latest budget the authorities are trying to plug some of the more obvious gaps. But there is also no doubt that giving the oil companies exemption would create far more political difficulties than for RTZ for example given he relevance of petrol prices, say, for retail prices.

The fact remains, however, that there still appears no obvious rhyme or reason in the Treasury's rules. On the earnings and assets criteria Shell would be as obvious a candidate as any of those to date. It is perhaps time that the Treasury made its position

J. Bibby Bid talk

I. Bibby's shares rose 20p to 146p yesterday making an increase of 30p since they went ex-dividend just over two weeks ago. Rumours of a bid so far seemed to be based more on hope than substance, but should not, perhaps, be dismissed out

On trading grounds the shares have gone just about as far as they can; the prospec-tive p/e ratio of under five is wel lbelow the sector average, but the yield of 6.2 per cent is not far out of line. Bibby has a rather chequered recent. record and although profits now look to be on a strong upturn, animal feeds remain dependent, at least to some degree, both on cereal prices and the weather, and there is worldwide over capacity in seed crushing, which has proved a

persistent problem. There is more to the group than that and it should not detract from the evident management successes, but Tiger Oats and National Miliwhich picked up most of its 30 persecutive floring as Stater Water sold out of the Stater

intent would probably rule it out) but it might prove nable to approaches now it is showing a profit, while the Bibby family stake of a further 25 per cent or so, may not be so firmly held as itonce was.
But who would bid? The big food groups with animal feed manufacturers: Unilever, Ranks Hovis McDougall and Spillers all look candidates for a monopolies reference. Dalgety, which took Crosfield and Calthrop from under Bibby's nose, is a possibility, while Pauls &

dthough acquisition hungry,

boks pretty unlikely. Brooke Bond Second

Soaring working capital requirements are forcing Brooke Bond to come back for a second bite the rights issue cherry in less than 18 months. Nearly quadrupled tea and coffee



Humphrey Prideaux, chairman of Brooke Bond Liebig: another rights issue -this time of £19.8m.

prices since the last funding exercise are largely responsible for the £40m jump in stock levels to more than £150m in the current year while the sharp rise in debtors, too, has only made manters worse.

Having journeyed through the 1975-76 profits upturn with only a marginal increase in net working capital, it is not surprising that the latest pressures have resulted in gross borrowings mushrooming from £78m in the last balance sheet to £111m at present, although the fact that some rour-fifths of this is in overseas currencies is not quite the same danger now that sterling has quietened

down. The sharp rise in borrowings the fire the snarp rise in borrowings has brought in its train an uncomfortable deterioration in gearing from 41 per cent of shareholders' funds to around 60 per cent at present. The current £19.8m issue will chap this back to a more manageable. this back to a more manageable 40 per cent though with rising commodity prices likely to suck in another £50m or so of work-ing capital a broadening of the asset base is a sensible if not

essential requirement. Meanwhile, the group's earn-ings forecast for the year of almost doubled pre-tax profits of £48m plus got a little lost in disappointment that the dividend was being raised by only 10 per cent although it is nearly three times covered and the shares eased 1p to 49p.

least £10m ahead of outside group earnings. The tax change estimates, it is likely to raise is brought down to an aggreat least two questions in the gate 48 per cent by tax relief market's mind, namely the ex. on United Kingdom textile com-

States knitwear manufacturing performed impressively last business of Sears Holdings were year, the Mazda dealerships in greater 1 __ expected, at little short of £10m; but gains on the home bound footwear and stores businesses were bigger too, and the net result is a marginal imtage. Whites and Bibby are much of a size, and Thomas Paris provement in profits, at £45.3m against £44.7m, ahead of the non-trading items which Sears babitually takes above the line. this year. But even a marginal However, a £7.211 turnround here—reflecting the cost of pressive without 1976's dead-United States closures and ex- weight of provisions. And the change exposure on everseas recovery potential, along with loans—and a tax charge whose a yield of 7.8 per cent at 49p, giddy proportions (66 per cent) up 3p on the results, has its united States, losses, have left final:
the earnings more 1 an 30 per capitalizent down. But that has not in Turnove

shares at 43p (up 3p yesterday) yield an attractive 81 per cent. But that is the full extent of their attractions. For assuming that Sears manages to sort out most of its North American problems this year-and despite the closures and some savage destocking, the best the com-pany is committing itself to this time is much reduced losses—that the loss-makers in the engineering division are restored to break-even, and that the betting shops—plagued last year by thin fields and unfavourable weather — recover some of their former shine, the implication is for pre-tax profits (excluding non-trading items) of around £56m, and earnings per share (on a more reasonable tax charge) of little

Even allowing for more from footwear and the stores divi-sion—where Selfridges alone now provides a half of trading profits—the prospective p/e ratio is unlikely to drop below seven. An end-year property revaluation will probably push net asset backing over 70p a share; but it is still unlikely that Sears will outperform the market in the foreseeable

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(£49.12m) Earnings per share 3.6p (5.3p) Dividend gross 3.55p (3.23p)

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Bad debt provisions in North America, closures in the British textile business and write-downs against a range of problem areas overseas hope-fully mark the end of three difficult years for Kemsley & Millbourn. for Tozer

Pre-tax profits 56 per cent ahead at £5.42m in 1976 give an altogether too sanguine picture of the past year's trading at TKM. Further "very significant" bad debt provisions have been made to cover the continuing effects of the economic recession in Canada on TKM's trade finance operation there; a problem only reflected in the revenue account in the abnormally high overseas tax change, Canadian losses not As it is a profits forecast at , being off-settable against other

marker's mind, namely the exponent on United Kingdom textile company to the South African group tent to which they have been pany losses, which picked up most of its 30 tent of the state per cent.

A significant underlying growth
in business world-wide which
should help the international : trading side, particularly if it

can now put past year's provi-sions behind it.

The Price and Pierce timber OUT and woodpulp side perked up towards the end of the year.

Last year's losses of the United And TKM's motor concessions

> cers. TKM does not expect a marked trading improvement uptura this time will look im-

Capitalization £13.8m Turnover £909m (£652m) Pre-tax profits £5.42m (£3.47m) mending the maximum increase Earnings per share 7p (5.2p) new industries could, and can, in the dividend, so that the Dividend gross 3.752p (3.411p) produce to maximum capacity

Another flurry of gratuitous complexities Tomorrow yet another Finance Bill begins its long parliamenless steep up to the £15,000 income point. From there on-wards, and irrespective of tary process towards enactment. By comparison with Mr Healey's whether a pay agreement is reached, the marginal rate remains unchanged at 70 per four previous contributions, this year's is a slim, elegant volume

a mere soupcon by the gross We have become so accus-tomed to annual Finance Bills, which dramatically transform
whole chunks of law, that one
which "merely" puts tax rates
and reliefs down and up—and
spreads over "only" 78 pages

comes as an anticlimax. This, however, is not a time when the Government would wish to walk our along political planks for the sake of its tax philosophies — whatever they may be. Nor one in which it has muscle to resolve the fiscal quandary in which the country finds itself.

What Mr Healey needs is a

-50 clauses and nine schedules,

standards which prevail.

What Mr Healey needs is a pay agreement and to secure that he would gladly increase income taxes as an "anti-wage inflation surcharge" as he did in 1975—or cur them, as this year, 'to create the conditions in which we can get our rate of inflation down . . ". If only one knew which would do the rick

an occasion when Parliament can make progress towards national economic recovery via tax reform. This is the true standard by which Finance Bills must be judged, an dthis year's falls lamentably short of ideal. Still, the Commons has three months to work on it.

The relevant criteria were last month outlined in The Times blueprint for tax reform. The first problem is that of marginal rates. These now rise so high over so wide a range of incomes as to act as a major depressant on the

economy.
What, so far, has Mr Healey done about it? The top rate for 1975-77 was 98 per cent and it is no lower for 1977-78.

The speed of the progression has been slowed but not the altitude. Nor is the progression scale made any smoother or more logical by this year's changes. In fact, if the basic rate is reduced to 33 per cent there will be an awkward jump from this to a 40 per cent rate at the £6,000 per annum point.

At the other end of the scale the threshold—Mr Healey gets beta plus for revalorizing personal reliefs to counter about one year's fiscal drag. and he can claim a similar achievement at the higher rate threshold point. To counter the total fiscal drag since his first Budger would have been impossible and no permanent solution to the problem seems to be expressed.

Rough justice

The most urgent need now is for some form of inflation relief to be given against capital gains tax, now simply a tax on inflation. The choice lies between a sophisticated indexation sub-system, with all the complexity that implies, or the complexity that implies, or a crude tapering of the rate of charge related to the period during which an asset is held. The rough justice of the latter must be preferable, but the whole problem has now, it appears, become one for the next Conservative Chancellor, rather than for Mr Healed. rather than for Mr Healey. As to the second problem, that of incomprehensibility, every annual Finance Act adds further layers of obscurity and this year's is no exception. Even the welcome relaxations of tax pressures, for example in the new rules for earnings from overseas work, are so hedged

about with provisos and stipu-

rule—among many—determin-ing what is a "long" absence:

Oliver Stanley looks at the Finance Bill in the context of tax reform

"Where . . . a period consisting entirely of days of absence from the United Kingdom ('the relevant period')
comes to an end and there have qualifying periods, the relevant period and the (or, if more than one, the last) qualifying period together with the inter-vening days between those periods shall be treated as a single qualifying period pro-vided that—(a) there are no more than 62 intervening days: and (b) the number of days in the resulting periods which are not days of absence from the United Kingdom does not exceed one-sixth of the total

stuff, no real progress is being made. Moreover, if marginal tax rates were not so high, there would be no need to create more costly and invidious sub-systems. The same criticism can be applied to the new treatment of child allowances. The changeover to child benefits has produced a flurry of

number of days in that period."

produced a flurry of gratuitous complexities—children living abroad, first children, children following advanced courses, children over nineteen, are all now to be treated differently. The rules operative for 1977-78 will be changed for 1978-79. And changed for 1978-79 . . . And 50 OH. There is nothing here that can be regarded as simplifying the system and making it easier

to move towards self-assessment in any form. On the contrary, this is the old, familiar, hopeless search for equity carried to its traditionally absurd lengths, proliferating new subrules and loading the administration with intolerable burdens. tration with intolerable burdens. Thirdly, the Finance Bill does

wholly counter-productive. Here application of two or more is an irresistible example, one taxes, for example capital gains tax and capital transfer tax, to one single transaction—for example the gift of a property

from father to son. Another familiar trick, permed in this year's Bill, is to introduce a new set of restrictive provisions parcelled up and concealed within a clause which purports to alleviate a problem. is was a feature of the Revenue's original proposals for the "more generous" treatment of overseas earnings-that the required 30 days overseas should be continuous-but that was spotted and triggered off an outcry of protest, and Mr. Healey backed down.

Capital gains

In his Budget speech, Mr Healey promised to improve the treatment of capital gains, by modifying the rules applying As long as the Commons is invited to enact this sort of to company takeovers, amalga-mations and reconstructions. That he has done, by enacting that it shall no longer be necessary for the bidding company to secure control. It will be enough that it gets one quarter of ordinary share

> Slipped in neatly at this point is a new requirement that no deferral for capital gains tax should be given unless the exchange or reconstruction is for "bona fide commercial reasons" and does not form part of "a scheme, of which the main purpose, or one of the main purposes is avoidance of liability to capital gains tax. income tax or corporation tax. The wording is familiar, and so are the additional rules permitting (new encouraging) application for a clearance, soliciting the Board of Inland Revenue graciously to give in Good Housekeeping Stamp of Approval or not, as the case

may be. Here is the Iuland Revenue

exchange has the deterral of capital gains tax as one of its purposes, although whether that purpose is, or is not, a main purpose (whatever that may mean) is admittedly question

The effect will certainly bethat no one will dare carry out. any share exchange of substance without first submitting to that board for a clearance.

There are other transactions where this is so and the result. has been to compound confusion. It is so difficult to elicit. in all such administrative pro-cedures, how the board forms its view. It is under no obligation to give reasons for its

What used to be a reasonable mechanism will now become and impossible one. Soon, we will have a rule that says no relief against tax is to be given, if the sole or main purpose of claiming it is to seek to reduce?

This is not the only aspect of the Bill affecting administrarion, another area ripe for reckreform. On the bonus side,
relue-added tax machinery isretailored to harmonize with EEC directives, and could this new urge to harmonization now...) be extended to cover income take.

Less obviously, provision is made for the Special Commissioners—the supendary tribunals of first instance which hears taxing appeals—to publish reports of indings, with the consent of them name. Anything which removes. unnecessary secrecy and obscurantism is welcome, although so much revision of whole assessment and appeal procedure is needed that this step is—in isolation—a curious.

Presumably a new body cf., precedent law is to be built up, Department pursuing its anti-fresh reading matter for tax-avoidance crusade at its daftest. payers and their advisors...;

Peter Zentner

Bulgarians thriving under the Russian wing lems. Western imports have not,

toilet paper and driving lessons, but they are delighted with their country's progress. Shop windows in Sofia reflect an improved standard of living and, competitive markets of the compared with both their Romanian neighbours and their prise Balcancar has become one own prewar lot, Bulgarians are indeed doing well.

farm technology was the wooden plough. Industrial imports, often labelled "European", under-

Today, within one generation, the country has become an industrial nation. What Bulgaria manufactured during the whole of 1939 it produced to the country has become an industrial nation. What Bulgaria manufactured during the whole of 1939 it produced to the country has become an industrial nation. Ship-country tankers has been given market.

During the country the country has been given industrial nation. industrial nation. What Bulgaria During the present five-year manufactured during the whole plan, for 1976-80, Bulgaria is of 1939 it produced within the concentrating on machine build-

first week of 1977.
This leap into the industrial league of nations is the outcome of Bulgaria's economic links with the socialist block and with the Soviet Union in particular. The Soviet Union has played role of investor, supplier of oil, raw materials, machinery and technology, and above all, it has provided a huge captive market for Bulgarian goods. No less than 79 per cent of Bulgaria's foreign trade is with the other Comecon countries. A massive 54 per cent is with the Soviet Union alone. In 1939 Bulgaria's exports to the Soviet

Union were nil and imports almost the same. In contrast to its neighbour Romania, which has sought a measure of political and hence also economic independence, Bulgaria has welcomed integra-tion within the Comecon alliance. Indeed, in the short term, Bulgaria's consumers have benefited from this policy. Almost unlimited Soviet money has helped to create

totally new industries. These

Bulgarians queue for meat, knowing that the giant Soviet market will soak up everything produced.

prise Balcancar has become one of Europe's largest manufacturers of fork-lift trucks. Bul-Bulgaria before the war was garia has a fast growing elec-an agricultural backwater. Its tronics industry with calculators to the Soviet Union and other Comecon countries. Ship-building of bulk carriers and

> ing and metallurgy, buses and tractors, electronic and elec-trical equipment and chemicals. The aim is to increase industrial production by a further 55 per cent.
> But all this would not be

possible without reliable sup-plies of Soviet oil and raw marerials sold at advantageous rates. In 1974, after the world price of oil had quadrupled. the Soviet Union continued to supply oil to Bulgaria and Comecon at old prices. During that year alone the difference between the Soviet Union's oil earnings in Eastern Europe and earnings in Lastern Lurope and the oil's market value amounted to a Soviet subsidy of \$3,000m. By 1975 Bulgaria had to a double the 1974 price, or still half the then going rate for oil. Today Bulgaria pays about three quarters of the world

Although it is never officially admitted. Bulgaria probably buys Soviet raw materials even more cheaply than do other Comecon countries. It is believed that Bulgaria may pay as

rates, already lower than world prices. The words of Georgi Dimicrov, founder of the post war Bulgarian state—"For the Bulgarian people, friendship with the Soviet Union is just as vitally necessary as is the air and sun for every living creature "-have some economic substance.

However, growth from a low base, though impressive, is not without its problems. Rapid postwar investment has also been described as helter-skelter industrialization. There is an immediate need to modernize obsolescent plant.
During the 1976-80 five-year

plan 55 per cent of total capital investment will be devoted to modernization and reconstruction programmes. The present Bulgarian slogan is: "Efficiency and quality. Quality and

efficiency. garia's parameter of made in-Bulgaria imports less from the West than any other East provement in 1976: exports were up by 13 per cent, while European country. As a result, it has been less affected by the West's recent economic prob-

as in Poland's case, meant imports of excessive inflation. Nevertheless, purchases from the West are important. Advanced equipment and technology will give a much-needed boost to the country's pro-gramme of modernization.

Past purchases from the West have been partly financed by western credits. By the end of debts amounted to approximately \$2,000m. The ratio of debt to hard currency exports

However, western bankers are not unduly anxious. It was noted, for example, that Bulgaria's balance of trade with were up by 13 per cent, while imports were lower by 15 per cent.

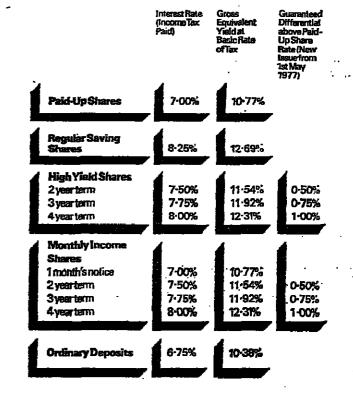
Although industry has boji come the cornerstone of the ecoomy, agriculture accounts, for 20 per cent of gross national, product and 35 per cent of except ports. But it is the system of industrialized farming comgarians which has become a special feature. There are now about 170 industrial agrarian. 1976 Bulgaria's ourstanding seed and livestock in the field and finish with tinned vege debts amounted. and finish with tinned vege-tables, fruits and meats in the factory on the spot.

The Bulgarians' standard of earnings is the least favourable living continues to improve. within Comecon, where most member countries have their own sizable international debts. in real terms by 20 per cent.-To buy a car may take two to three years of waiting; to be_ housed in a new apartment may take much longer. But more goods and services are becom-ing available—and 1977 will be the first year of colour tele-

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Business Diary: BL's McGrath • Hint of mint

can disclose, is to Peter McGrath, now financ, director of the £340m National Freight Orporation.

45-year-old economist, McGrath has had a fascinating decade in transport: first as assistant controller with Ford of Germany, th... controller of corporate finance at British Rail and now at NFC.

He is moving, he says, because inevitably—"it's a challenge", because he'll be getting about £22,000 a year instead of £19,000 and because "if British manufacturing fails," Britain fails," and he wants to get back into the manufacturing act.

Te will be sacrificing his public-sector inflation-proofed pension but does not want to be one of those people who "looks he gets there ".

Here are his thumbnail sketches of the three highly disparate transport makes and the sector at NFC will be James Warson, who came in from the sketches of the three highly disparate transport makes ago.

ings he has been with. Ford of Germany: "The secret of Ger-



The new finance director of British Leyland's £600m truck and bus division, Business Diary can disclose, is to Peter Rail: "They have as many good people as Ford but they don't pull in the same direction. People have to realize they can't stay in the same place

hibited the board from recom-

for ever". NFC: "More like Ford than BR, but lacks the sticks and carrots of financial independence" If Ford is private sector and BR/NFC public, McGrath sees British Leyland as "hybrid" and truck and bus a particularly exciting part of it.
"People don't realize that

truck and bus makes a better profit than average for British industry," he said.

McGrath succeeds Clancy, who is now director, parts and service, Leyland Gars... Until McGrath's own successor

I norny crowns

The Queen's Silver Jubilee on June 7 is nigh, but where are prove her Jubilee crowns? Bank- side. branches excusing the shortage Royal Mint. But the Mint claims that it has lost only one day's production since it started task-ing the coins, so why the hold-

me mint ignored suggestions sales of three million so far good it all is for the balance of payments or sometimes a production run of only tic." simply outstripped supply orders for a similar amount. When the crowns were planned National Westminster reports the mint ignored suggestions by the banks that there should



Hollowood

"It's only a matter of terminology: why can't free collective bargaining be called phase three?"

tival of Britain in 1951, six million for the Coronation, 19.5 and a heavy demand from million of the Churchil crowns tourists, the banks say. in 1965 and 7.5 million for the Queen's Silver Wedding five years ago, felt then that the banks: had underestimated demand.

The Mint took a gamble, doubled the banks' estimates and went for a production run of between 20 and 25 million. But even that estimate may prove to have been on the low

· The four main clearing banks of crowns pin the blame on have already handed over their production difficulties at the counters more than seven milion crowns and have orders with the Mint for several million more. Barclays and the Midland had sold just under two million each by last week Ir seems that demand has and Lloyds has sold or has

When supplies start getting through to bank branches again

the "best buy". Unlike the other banks, who do however give away a soft plastic pouch with the crowns, Lloyds does not charge for its hard plastic presentation case. That case costs National Westmioster's customers 10p a nime and at Midland those wanting a hard case are put in touch with the

On the spree

If you're fed up competing with Arab visitors for the eye of West End taxi drivers, waiters or shop assistants, then it probable despite help a market below the control of the control of

The Mint, having turned out associations and companies of the way information may them combat the strest two million crowns for the Fesusing the coins as promotional care to note that the British strains of modern life.

and Iranians spend here. Those staying in hotels or rented flats for up to three months spent about £1,300 a head last year, £500 of it on or medical reasons. Comparisons with other over

Tourist Authority has come up with an estimate of what Arehs

year and those who stayed at home £39 (many stay with friends or relatives).

Nettlesome

of Magstadt, nea rStuttgart for growing plants that most people only want to destroy. Fields of stinging nettles dandelions and yarrow grow at his bidding

an annual turnover of about 30m Deutsche marks (about £6.9m). For Walther Schönenberger, who is 76, the plants are not weeds but a vital raw material. Their juices are ex-tracted and go into natural health care preparations pro-

ting for half a century and is doing well, as the Germans are increasingly turning to natural health preparations to help them combat the stresses and

shopping. Shopping and the (comparatively) cool weather were a big attraction for the 185,000 holidaymakers. A similar number came for business seas visitors are not readily available. However, British holidaymakers spent £162 a head on overseas holidays last

For 50 years a West German

businessman has been paying farmers and gardeners in and This seemingly eccentric behaviour has helped build up a flourishing family concern with

duced by his company. The business has been opera-

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SIR JOHN BARLOW'S REVIEW

The sixty-eighth annual general meeting was held on 26th April 1977 in London.

The Chairman, Sir John D. Barlow, Bart, said-The profit for 1976 was £473,000, which almost reached the record profit of 1974. The dividend was 50p per share, which was 55% more than last year, because the Company is free from the current limitations on dividends.

The current price of rubber and palm oil is higher than in 1976, so we should earn a larger profit in 1977.

The report and accounts were adopted.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

Rally on N Sea hopes

Share prices staged a strong rally from early weakness with the FT Index, 3.8 lower at 11 am, closing a full two points reacted 4p to 148p after Hawker Siddley 10p to 574p,

stemmed from worries about US inflation and interest rates. But as the day progressed reports of a faster than expected buildup in North Sea oil production and hopes that more companies will gain exemption from dividend restraint created some interest.

This combined with a least treatment contained to attract support, rising another 170p and Hopkinsons 6p to 80p.

APV was speculatively wanted 274p, a gain on the day of 9p.

Higher profits and a scrip securities 9p to 164p, Land Securities 9p to 175p, Berkeley thanbro 6p to 91p and Hasie mere 6p to 188p.

On the electricals nitch there

This, combined with a lack of sustained selling, was enough to send most prices ahead. A good deal of the dividend talk centred on Shell and, to a lesser extent, Unilever, but when it was learned late in the day that the oil company's request had been turned down its shares fell sharply.

In the gilt-edged market US considerations brought some early nervous selling at the short end of the range and prices were soon three-eighths lower than their overnight posi-

Cavenham, unmoved at 141p remains a speculation on Sir Sir James Goldsmith's GO swallowing the 49 per cent it does yet own. The logic of a deal has lost none of its force—Sir James's wish for 100 per cent control of Cavenham's resources, including its liquidity and the minorius's mish to and the minority's wish to escape from being one. The gossip suggests a deal at 150p or more, possibly in this account or the next.

But steady, though limited. buying took prices up from their lowest levels and by the close most stocks were between one-eighth and one quarter down. A late attempt by "shorts" to go even better firzled out. Long dates met with little enthusiasm and ended a quarter point off.

By far the firmest sector of the market was properties where the continued lowering of interest rates and a "buy" recommendation brought a good deal of interest.

The shares of Land & House

had an eventful session before and after the news of agreed terms from Friends Provident. The shares were suspended at 69p, returned at 100p, the value the bid, and closed 291p up at 971p. The suspension is said

On the electricals pitch there was a late spurt from Reyrolle Parsons after redundancy news had earlier hit the shares. They closed 8p ahead at 176p after touching a "low" of 166p. Profit considerations continued to help Farnell which put on

another 3p to 131p.

In foods a £20m rights issue left Brooke Bond at a subdued 49p, off a penny, while speculaive demand continued to help
J. Bibby which gained another
20p for a final figure of 146p.
In oils Shell fell back late in
the day to end 4p ahead at 512p
after touching 527p on the
earlier dividend hopes. BP
stayed depressed by Wall Street
and closed 2p off at 908p, while
Petrofina managed a £2 rise to
f102 as the Ekofisk news
assumed a brighter aspect.
The North Sea production

158p.

158p.
higher at 99p. Profit news was
also good for rises in Brook
Street 4p to 49p, Ladbroke 3p
to 49p.

After some initial disappointment with figures Sears Holdings rallied to close 3p up at
an unchanged 35p. demand continued to help

The North Sea production news and the publication of the "brown book" were also a help to stocks with oil interests, notably Thomson Organisation. up 14p to 508p, and Associated Newspapers, which put its Fleet Street considerations to one side

and rose 9p to 174p. Among the "blue chips" the dividend talk brought a late spurt to Unilever which added 8p to 468p. Most of the others were in retreat, notably ICI 4p dend.

am, closing a full two points
better at 421.0.

Wharf reacted 4p to 148p after
Monday's strong showing in the
the initial nervousness had stemmed from worries about US

Transport. Peachey continued to profit statements, Simon 4p to

Newarthill, which ended 12p

Wall Street is reported to be buzzing with talk of an American bid for Ultramar. London reaction i sthat another oil com-pany would probably run up against the anti-trust laws but that the Indonesian gas venture is an obvious attraction. In common with others on the pitch the shares were a firm 158p.

43p. FC Finance were at an unchanged 35p.

In after hours trading the continued fall in the Shell price was the main feature. But the North Sea stocks continued to make more ground and Gram-pian TV added a penny after figures which were deemed to be satisfactory.

Gilts moved little, but Silent-night were at a firm 60p after figures and Stylo were also up on news of the recovery divi-

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Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. to be the first time that such action has been taken under the establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.54. * Adjusted for scrip. cent in profits to £593,000.

after second half rally

By Tony May

Things are picking up at Brook Street Bureau of Mayfair. The shares rose 4p to 49p on the 1976 results which were better than the market expec-

Despite a fall of 2.7 per cent in sales to £10.3m, this employment agency group has managed a 4 per cent rise in pretax profits to 5705,500. Earnings share are up from 4.25p to 4.26p.

Earlier this mouth, rivals Reed Executive reported a drop in pre-tax profits for the year to January 1 of 30 per cent to 5384,000 and a cut in the divi-



Mr Eric Hurst, joint-chairman of Brook Street Bureau of

dend from 6.82p to 4.62p. Unlike Reed, Brook Street is holding its dividend at 6.46p gross, where the yield is 13.18

At half-time, the group saw its pre-tax profits plunge 72 per cent to £114,000 but the board was confident enough to maintain the dividend at 1.8p gross. Mr Eric Hurst, the joint chairman said that "a degree of caution" was needed when viewing the prospects at home, where the employment agencies make up 95 per cent of the business. Also, the Australian group had losses of £50,000 and these were expected to persist.

In the event, the second-half

Friends Prov in agreed takeover of Land & House

By John Breman
Land & House Property Corporation and Friends Provident
Life Office have agreed the terms of a £9.5m cash offer for the property investment and development group. Rumours of the 100p a share bid were rife

ings were resumed after the announcement of the terms at 11.00. They closed 21n off their own countries at the shares the 11.00. They closed 21p off their

new powers of suspension over per cent of the shares for its held a 5.8 per cent stake.

shares influenced by price sensitive information. Suspended at 69p at 9.30 the shares were acceptance of the offer, have cent of the shares. The other major shareholder, General Accident, with 12.5 per cent of the 100p a share bid were rife to price at 972p. Accident, with 12.5 per cent of the group has indicated that it standing development funding speculation triggered, for the partner of Land & House, has now accepted the terms. The street of the standard for the group and has now accepted the terms.

On acceptance Mr Arriver Tomkins, Land & House's managing director, would receive just over £2.5m cash for his personal holding. Although the offer is well

below Land & House's last reported figure of 165p net assets per share, the group, and its financial advisers, Schroder Wagg, consider the terms to "fair and reasonable".

Brook street Richards & W'ton ster holds payout into fresh fields

By Ray Maughan Richards & Walkington Industries, the plant-hire group, has been badly dented by the plight of the United Kingdom construction industry but, after trauming the scale of its activities, the board is booking for recovery this year. The real lift, however, is expected from its departure into manufacturing

The fate of Richards' Home Counties distribution division bears eloquent testimony to the extent of the slomp. Three years expent of the stomp. Three years ago, the group operated 14 depots in this area and had 400 cranes for lare. By the lister part of 1976, the fleet had shrunk to 170 cranes serviced from just seven depots. White this division historically made account 6500 000 around £500,000 pre-tax annually, it suffered a £500,000

operations.

Similarly, the Tower Cross distribution subsidiary normally sells 80 machines each year in 1976, at sold just five white retaining its 60 per cent marker

After adding in the entra cost of borrowing, Richards stood to suffer a film profit shortfell solely from these two opera-tions. As it was, profits dropped by £883,000 to £1.81m. But the sale of the H. Cox stake cost an exceptional £313,000 while £300,000 against £884,000 Mr Roy Richards, charman

and managing director, reports that the Tower Crane distribu-tion operation is picking up business in the Middle East while the Home Counties division returned to profits in March, a srend which should be maintained throughout the

Fairbairn's scrip as

By Richard Allen Fairbairn Elwson, the Leeds based engineer on the lookout for sizable merger opportunities, turned in a 160 per cent pre-tax profits jump to £1.07m last

The figure compares with a promise of at least £900,000 made when the group raised £450,000 by a rights issue in October and came on the back of a 26 per cent sales increase to £12.7m.

to £12.7m.

The record profits are accompanied by a 45 per cent dividend increase to 4p gross as predicted and a one-for-four scrip issue. Earnings a share rise from 5.37p to 9.56p.

Fairbairu, which is 29 per cent held by the United States Clabir Corporation

cent held by the United States Clabir Corporation, says that several acquisition possibilities are currently under consideration. Sir John Lawson, chairman, says that the group is looking for similar sized operations in the belief that unity of several medium sized commanies. several medium-sized companies could be timely.

could be timely.

Helped by last year's cashraising exercise, the balance
sheet has been strengthened
considerably with shareholders'
funds rising from £3.2m to
£4.2m and a reduction in bank overdrafts from £2m to £880,000. Despite the 26 per cent turn-over increase stocks were reduced by 6.3 p cent

All the group's major divi-sions performed well last year with engineering chipping in £1.3m of trading profits against £300,000 from packaging and £128,000 from office furniture. Exports accounted for 55 per

cent of total sales.

The Greenbat subsidiary, which accounts for a substantial part of the engineering division, benefited from improved pro-ductivity in difficult tracing conditions, while Royles, in its first full year as a group subsidiary, made a significant contribution to profits

Well-sprung Silentnight £1m topped at best-ever

By Ashley Druker The pace achieved ar midterm at mattress and furniture specialist Silentnight Holdings in line with the board's expectations last October was largely maintained in the full term to end-January. All three divisions were on form and record sales and profits are reported. Pre-tax earnings at £2.75m against £1.81m increased 52 per cent, while turnover climbed 40 per cent to £8.66m. Interest charges were almost halved from £294,000 to £156,000.

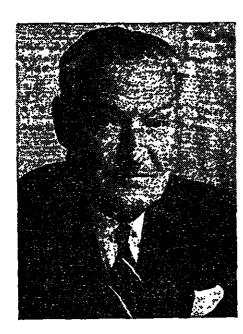
The attributable improved from £814,000 to £1.5m and earnings a share from 7.5p to 15p. The board declares a total gross dividend lifted from 5.09p to 5.61p. Dividend waivers amounted to about £136,000.

Generally the performance of the group's bed manufacturing anies has been "outstanding ³, says Mr Tom Clarke, chairman. The upholstery division continues to prosper, he adds, while the overseas manufacturing and distribution companies chipped in with re-cord profits.

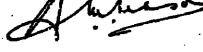
For the year ahead, Mr Clarke says that accounts for the first two months indicate further profit growth. Inevitably the industry depended on the amount of dispessible income of the consumer.

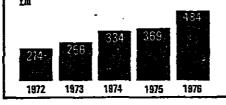
In the preceding year profits began to pick up after a period of retrenciment, which was general in the industry. Turn-over rose from £16.5m to £21.8m on which taxable profits took off from £380,000 to £1.81m. The group is the second largest spring interior mattress, divan and headboard manufac-turer in Britain. Meanwhile its balance-sheet shows a strong cash flow, with total funds employed up from £6.18m to £9.16m. Net current assets have

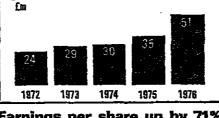
An outstanding year



T am happy to report that again Reckitt & Colman has achieved both record sales and operating profit, with increases in our operating margins. As I relinquish my duties as chairman, I have every confidence that Reckitt & Colman is committed to remaining healthy, profitable and sensitive to the environment in which it operates throughout the world'

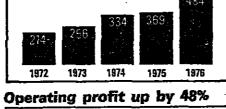


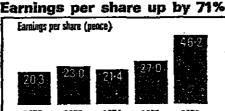






Sales up by 31%





Reckitt & Colman has continued to derive benefit from its wide international spread of trading and, despite severe economic difficulties which prevailed in many areas of the world, has achieved record sales of £484 million and operating profit of over £51 million. Of these record figures, 77 per cent of the sales and 82 per cent of the operating profit came from overseas. Exports from the UK rose by 41 per cent to £27 million. All areas of the world performed well, with outstanding progress in Europe and Latin America, and good growth elsewhere. These record results were achieved while maintaining a highly satisfactory cash flow, showing the effect of the priority given to the control of cash resources. Despite the increase of 31 per cent in sales, it was possible to reduce the level of borrowing while continuing a heavy programme of capital investment in the UK and elsewhere.

Reckitt & Colman

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Business appointments Carrington Viyella's new

deputy chief Mr E. Cummins has been made deputy chief executive of Carring-Mr R. Stand has become

director and financial cont of TI Tube Division Services. Mr D. J. Fleming, company secretary, is joining the board of Hillards. Mr D. E. N. Hardey, joint managing director, is retiring. Mr J. Briggs has been elected director of G. R. A. Property

Trust.

Mr J. G. N. Drummond and Dr
E. Thain. are now directors of
Sidlaw Industries. Mr Drummond
has also been made chairmandesignate of the oil services and
engineering division and will
succeed Mr R. W. Parker as chairman of the division later this
year. Mr Parker will remain a
director of Sidlaw Industries and
Aberdeen Service (North Sea).

Mr Alan Dickinson has become

Mr Alan Dickinson has become finance director of H. Clarkson (Holdings).
Mr J. Hugh Jones has been made a director of M. F. North. Mr Alan Webster has become managing director of **Brookes**

managing director of Brookes (Oldbury).

Mr Robert Aitken, managing director of R. Hunt, is the new president of the Agricultural Engineers Association.

Dr G. J. haw has become managing director of Baker Perkins Chemical Machinery.

Mr E. Bamborough is now a director of Nordmann Rassmann (IK).

director of group research and development by United Biscuits (Holdings).

Mr Michael Medalyer has become managing director of Shandwick PR.

wick PR.
Mr J. A. Bearman and Mr K.
Mabsrakh join the board of
Levex. Mr A. A. Davis has
resigned.
Mr Robin Estridge and Mr Jack
Powell have been made directors
of Estridge and Ropner.
Mr Y. Yokota and Mr Y.
Ohmori have joined the board of
Dai-Tokyo insurance Company
(UK).

(UK).

Mr Malcolm Brock and Mr Philip White have joined the board of Link Electronics.

Mr Harold Hobrow, chairman and rranging director of Kemworthy Tools, has been elected president of the Gauge and Tool Makera' Association in succession to Mr A. Norman Harley. Mr Hobrow has been succeeded as chairman of the GTMA council by Mr V. H. Sharp, managing director of Novogage.

Mr James Crotch joins the board of Envirocor.

Mr Malcolm Savage is now vice-president of Oceanic Financial Services.

Mr Victor West has been made general manager of Pendle Insurance.

Mr T. A. Lewis has toined the

ance.
Mr. T. A. Lewis has joined the board of Catel Trust. Mr L. Daines has resigned.

Lucas Inds stake in **Automotive**

Fallout from the 1976 Companies Act, much of which recently came into force conrinues to drop. Apart from the Kuwaiti stakes discussed on page 21 it was the turn of Automotive Products to fill in a few more gaps.

It was known that Mr J. B. Emmott, chairman, had around 5.7 per cent of the shares and it is not surprising to find that Mr F. Sewell Bray, another director who fulfils the same role in Pinion Investments as by ore it holds 14.4 per cent. The spice is the news that Lucas Industries has 9.76 per

cent. A body called Camway Invesments holds 18.7 per cent and a further 5.47 per cent is accounted for by ES Holdings. A fine investment is K Shoes, or so the Cooperative Insurance Society obviously thinks. It has 861,325 ordinary shares and the ITC Pension Trust, jointly with ITC Pension Investments holds 800,000. A more modest 75,000 shares are held by the Courage Staff Pension Fund.

ICI is revealed as the holder of around 6.5 per cent of Tootal, and Bricomin Invest-ment, a subsdiary of British & Comonwealth Shiping has 9.7 per cent of Newall Machine
Tool. Sterling Industries holds
a further 7.4 per cent. Pru
dential Assurance has 5.9 per
cent while S. Pearson & Son
has 13.1 per cent after buying
Embankment Trust.

ELLIS & GOLDSTEIN
Turnover for year to January
31, 528.5m (528.7m). Pre-tax profit.
F926.000 (£2.1m). Earnings a share
are 1.8p (4.3p). Dividend is raised
from 2.39p to 2.6p.

DAVIES & NEWMAN
Turnover for 1976, £79m (£53m).
Pre-tax profit, £1.8m (£1.35m).
Earnings a share, 19.2p (14.8p).
One-for-ten scrip issue. Dividend is
11p (10p).

LIGHTING & LEISURE
Lighting & Leisure Inds reports
for half year to Jan 31 pre-tax
profit £481,053 (£351,376). Sales
55,24m (£4.13m), Earnings a share
2.19p (£.86p adjusted). Co heading
for very successful year. Interim
0.88p or net or 1.36p gross, maximum (0.80p adjusted). SLOUGH ESTATES

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Chairman reports that it is possible that profit for year will be "somewhat lower" but dividend to be maintained and covered.

JOHN HAGGAS For time months to March 31 sales £14.99m (£12.14m). Pre-tax profit £2.3m (£1.81m). United Kingdom market poor. Exports encouraging but Western Europe not so buoyant as before. Year's profit should reach £3.3m (£2.7m).

PRUDENTIAL-STANDARD

Prudential Assurance ofter for Standard Trust unconditional after acceptances for more than 91 per cent of ordinary and 80 per cent ASSOCIATED PAPER

Associated Paper Industries plans early repayment of 6 per cent unsecured loan stock 1981 at 196 per cent and accrued interest.

QUEBEC ARRANGING STOOM
LOAN
Province of Quebec, is raising a ...
\$300m (about 175.4m) hoar in the syndicated Eurocurrency market,
Orion Bank agent bank for the deal said. deal, said. WALKER & HOMER

Turnover for half to Jan 31 up from £3.08m to £3.63m. Pre-tail profits fell from £255,000 to £228,000. Interim payment held at 0.69p gross.

Briefly

TRUSTS MERGER TRUSTS MERGER.
United States Debenture Corporation and London Scottish American Trust are to merga.
Undertaking and assets of London Scottish will be transferred to US. Debenture. Corporation.
Ordinary units to be swapped on basis of 147 shares for every 144.

SPENCER GEARS (HOLDINGS)

Pre-tax profits leapt 235 per cent to £102,000 for six months to December 31 and record total of £300,000 forecast. Turnover 15 up 52 per cent to £1.04m. Earnings a share are 0.56p (1.31p) and dividend 0.58p (0.43p). LOCAL AUTHORITIES

The coupon this week drops to its lowest since 1973, at 9j per

cent for one-year bonds. F C FINANCE Turnover for 1976, £32m (£20m). Pre-tax profits, £647,000 (2541,000). Earnings a share 4.2p (2.7p), while dividend is held at

CRADLEY PRINTING

Turnover for helf to December 3
ruse from £401,000 to £515,000.
Pre-tax profit up from £57,200 to £71,000. Results achieved in diffi-

W. TYZACK SLIDES
Sales of W. Tyrack, Sons &
Turner rose from £1.6m to £1.88m
in half-year to Jan 31, but pre-tax
profits tumbled from £114,000 to
£30,000. Interim payment, halved,
£50,000 gross.

LYLES LEAPS On turnover for halt-year to Dec 31 up from £3.16m to £4:76m pre-tax profits jumbed from £31,000 to £358,000. forerim payment, doubled to 5.08p gross. Second-half results should match the first.

Rolinco Swings and roundabouts

- * Striking example of influence of foreign exchange on investment results. In terms of guilders, ROLINCO share price shows slight decline; in terms of dollars a new record price is achieved.
- * Some price rises in the U.S.A. and Japan offered opportunities for profit taking. Nonetheless at 1st March, ROLINCO was still 97% invested.
- * Currency risk involved in American and Canadian portfolios covered by forward selling of dollars. Some re-purchasing of ROLINCO shares.
- in current year, but relatively small Rolinco shares issued in boom years.

Copies of the Interim Report and an explanatory booklet are available from the Company ROLINCO, DEPT. 1272 ; P.O. BOX 973 ROTTERDAM HOLLAND W'ton ston

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

MY Dart takes the highroad as all sectors prosper

All three divisions contributing MY Darr, the sports equipment: packaging materials and pyrotechnics group, lifted interior presex profits from 1418,000 to £716,000. In the half to January 1 turnover improved from \$4.64m to 56.45m. In the preceding full rear profits were 51.17m on innover of £10.6m. The directors declare a second interim dividend of 0.98p gross against

In the opening stretch all three operations produced an mprovement in turnover and profits, says Mr Sydney Marks, chairman. The exception was distribution of sporting goods to retail and similar outlers both in France and in the

United Kingdom. Meanwhile expansion Well-sprung Silentnight

Eurobond prices fell around a half point or so vesterday on what appeared to be mainly professional short-selling and general marking down of

One dealer said the decline

on Monday in New York stock and bond prices prompted

and bond prices prompted some selling, particularly because of the beavy volume

of new issues scheduled for offering of more than \$1,000m. Also disturbing the market

was the problems of Credit

Suisse, which is one of the

major participants in the Euro-

bond market through its affi-liate, Credit Suisse-White

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Camellia

Investments

1976 £744,054

£178,983

7.19p

1.815p

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Turnover

Net Profit

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Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

orices by dealers.

energies. In line with this, the group has just completed arrangements to buy the assets of a concern in Belgium making badminton shuttlecocks. The machinery is being transferred and installed in this country."

In the last full year direct exports of sporting goods were just on £3.5m, a rise of £800,000. In packaging, which is making excellent progress, attention is being directed on assisting exporters by supplying high-quality tailor-made packaging.

Research continues to play major part in the activities of the pyrotechnics division. Some "highly interesting" developments are in hand and a business development man-ager appointed to assist in

fresh product lines, besides increasing the territories covered, is the chief focus of the board's planning and the development of Less than a year ago high market hopes of a successful outcome for Lesney Products to take over MY Dart were dashed. One of the factors was dashed. One of the factors was



Mr Sydney Marks, chairman of

that MY Dart, substantially the creation of Mr Marks himself, who keeps a large personal holding, decided in the end that independence was prefer-

Sudden sell-off of Eurobonds by the Australian Chamber of

arranged a 3,000m Swiss franc (about £666.6m) support faci-lity for Credit Suisse caused consternation as it was not known whether the facility was being made available to pre-vent a run on the bank or to cover the bank's losses in unauthorized transactions.-AP

International

Australian setback

Australian business suffered Weld. In particular, the a setback in trading and profits announcement by the Swiss during the quarter ending in National Bank that it had March, according to a survey

Commerce and the National Bank The decline, which partly reflected seasonal factors, is expected to be followed by a partial recovery in the quarter ending in June.—AP-Dow Jones.

American Express reports record first-quarter net earnings of \$50m (about £29.4m), a gain of 54.9 per cent over the \$32.3m in the first quarter of

American Express

1976. Meanwhile it is to apply for a history on the New York Stock Exchange. The market value of American Express exceed those of any other issue traded in the United States over-the-counter

resume growth this year

Ey Ray Maughan Flar in 1976, textile group Bodycote International is confident of renewed profits growth this year.

The abnormally hot weather shrivelled demand for rainwear and other non-leisure products from the textile processing division last summer but before that, the group was already entering the retail recession.

Profits for the year climbed a mere £27,000 to £1.74m but the board was able to slash gearing from 114 per cent to 45 per cent. Repayment was made on the outstanding residue of the loan stock residue of the loan stock totalling some £480,000 and overseas borrowing was reduced by F11.7m (£401.000). The remaining overseas debt is around 9m florins (£2.3m), which is matched by Bodycote's ussets in Holland and West Сегталу.

Mr J. C. Dwek, chairman, is anxious to buy further into the hazard clothing and establish-ment uniforms field which form part of the industrial protective clothing and safety products division. These activities con-tribute almost half total profits. of which 77 per cent stems from overseas, and demand at the end of 1976 was such that extra capacity was urgently re-quired. "Further facilities have now been added and these will cater for projected growth for 1977", Mr Dwek reports.

The shares were unchanged yesterday at 40p, four times stated earnings per share, where the yield on the maximum permitted gross dividend of 3.74p per share is just over

Wall Street

New York, April 26.—The stock market was mixed at the New York Stock Exchange close, aban-doning an attempt to gain after a series of three straight sharp losses.
The Dow Iones industrial aver-

age was up 1.02 points at 915.62. It fell a total of 28 points in the three previous sessions.

Declining issues outnumbered gainers 735 to 605. Volume totalled

20,040,000 shares, down from 20,440,000 on Monday. Analysis attributed a modest early gain largely to bargain hunt-ing among depressed issues. They said the market continued to be dominated by concern about in-liation, the Carter energy pro-

gramme and the threat of higher interest rates. Monday's market decline followed a sharp upward fevision by the administration in its projection of the consumer price

jection of the consumer price index gain this year.

Brokers also report continuing concern that the Federal Reserve might tighten money policy—driving up interest rates—because of a rapid recent expansion of the money supply

money supply.

However, today it took strong action to bring funds back down and they returned to the area of the presumed earlier Fed target on fund rates.

Eastman Kodak was one of the must active issues and was ahead 13 to 612 after a loss of four points Monday. The loss followed kedsk's unexpected report of a 20 per cent decline in first quarter

Active also was Phillips Pete, ahead 1, to 54 after declining 4) | Apr | Apr

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"... a year which once again was marked by progress in the development of our existing interests...
and we firmly believe that the future will justify our expenditure in the selective expansion of our

GORDON FOX, Chairman

1975

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Camellia Investments Limited Queen Street Mayfair London W1X 7PH

After exceptional credits of [109,196 (1975—£681,389), axation of £63,189 [1975—£25,473] and pre-acquisition (usses—nii (1975—£179,192)

Net earnings per share

Dividend (net per share)

portfolio of investments."

The Group is engaged in the manufacture of drop torgings, precise flame cuttings and components for ___the engineering industries generally.

Points from the Chairman's Statement:

Record profit again.

Treasury consent to increased dividend.

 Capital expenditure programme already producing benefits.

No. 10 To the Control of		
Group Results	1976	1975
Turnover	26,501,000	£5,481,000
Profit before tax	£768,591	£703,218
Available to ordinary shareholders	£405,162	£450,293
Dividend per share	1.7225p.	0.798p.

Copies of the Angual Report and Accounts are available from The secretary, Joseph Shakespeare & Co. Ltd., Post Box 23, Cox's Lane, Old Hill, Warley, West Midlands, 864 5NX.



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Chicago, April 26. GOLD futures	COCOA.—Futures closed 0.50 to 2.13
losed lower in very active tradition on	cents higher. May, 160 Occ; July
to International Monetary Market and	155.75c; Sept. 151.50c; Dec. 142.35c
ew York Commodity Exchange. Prices	March, 138,30c; May, 134,30c; July
n the ISIM were \$1.80 to \$2 lower.	150.50c; Sept. 126.55c nominal. Spots
omox prices fell \$1.50 to \$2. NV OMEX.—April. \$146.10: May.	Cinana, 18 c: Bahla unarallable.
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nchanged for the day, dealers said, pril, 475.80c; May, 475.90c; June, 18.60c; July, 481.30c; Soul, 16.40c; Dec, 494.10c; Jun, 496.60c;	Committee of the same of the committee o
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inab _Futures in No II contract	were: May, 305.00c; July, 311.47; asked; Supt. 515.87c; Dec. 308.50c
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n. 10.25c: March, 10.25-27c: May, 195-30c: July, 10.29-26c: Sept. 126-30c, Spot: 10.15c, off 45. DTTOM: Futures were: May, 75.00-	258-57 ac; July, 266' - ac; Sept. 274'.
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Bodycote to Bemrose poised for recovery in demand

By Richard Allen
Bemruse Corporation, and
Derby-based printing, packaging
and publishing group, is wellplaced to take full advantage of a general upturn in the econ-

omy, according to Sir Max Bem-rose, chairman.

The group, whose pre-tax profits rose slightly from £2.07m to £2.21m last year, is expecting continued export growth to combine with the benefits of a sub-stantial capital spending programme. Capital spending amounted to 1.8m last year. Though a fur-ther \$1.3m was required in

additional working capital, net cash outflow was only £750,000. This was funded from shortterm deposits held at the beginning of the year.

Mr David Wigglesworth,
managing director, reports early indications that a recovery may

have started in world demand for printed polyester fabric on which the gravure-transfer printing division depends. Meanwhile the workload at the Alf Cooke and Norbury car-ton units is much more satisfactory than ar any time in the last 18 months while demand for flexible packaging is still

strong.
The group is moving ahead quickly with new technology and computerization, particu larly on the printing and pub-lishing side. Mr Wigglesworth points out that a completely new approach to the production cheques is being introduced this year in the security print unit. This follows the installation of computerized photo-typesetting equipment into Benrose general print and advertising products last year.

Further photo-typesetting equipment has been put in at Balding and Mansell and new laminating machinery is in pro-duction at Bemrose flexible packaging. The first of a new generation of printing machines is also currently undergoing

Dividend boost as Stylo steps into the black

A return to profits has been price of £99 the flat yield of achieved by Stylo Shoes, the just over 13 per cent is the group which received an abortive approach from another shoe that obtainable on the nearest group earlier this year. A pre-tax loss of £300,000 has been turned into a profit of £1.03m for the year to January 29.
This includes £341,000 from

the sale of properties, against £56,000, but no closure costs, compared with £108,000. Turnover went up from £14.6m to

over went up from £14.6m to £18.3m.

All the running was made in the second half, which brought in £864.000 before tax. The group made a loss of £174,000 at half time, compared with a loss of £386,000. On recovery grounds, the Treasury has agreed to a boost in the dividend from 1.07p to 2.37p gross.

Edinburgh placing

Proposals have been approved for Edinburgh Industrial Holdings to increase its share capital by a placing of 2.5 million 121p shares at par-compared with over 20p in the market-with clients of A. J. Bekhor, the group's brokers. extraordinary general meeting "took into account the views of the minority shareholders" and these are now to be offered shares in the plac-ing. There is no restriction on ing. There is no restriction on the length of time they can be J. & L. Randall held before sale.

Water debenture

premium, since at the offer exports.

comparable gilt. The redemp-

Reckitt cut

Despite a continuing heavy capital investment programme Reckirt & Colman managed to cut back borrowings by £1.26m to £25m last year following an £8.5m reduction in 1975. Mr A. M. Mason, the retiring chairman, says in the annual report that he has every confidence that the group remains com-mitted to remaining healthy and profitable. The furecast left the shares unmoved yesterday at

Siemssen jumps

A 32 per cent rise in secondhalf profits to £30,000, leaves pre-tax profits of Siemssen, Hunter 46 per cent ahead at a record £614,000. This was achieved, despite a fall in turnover by this tobacco and specialist printing group from £18.6m to £12.4m. Earnings a share are 0.07p against 0.04p. The dividend is raised from 2.98p to 3.28p gross. Meanwhile, all subsidiaries are trading well.

On turnover up from £1.90m Dealings start on Friday in the £2.5m of 13 per cent Rickmansworth and Uxbridge Valley Water debenture stock, 1984, which was placed yesterday. Falling a collapse of the gilt. edged market between now and 2.32p gross, against 2.64p for the end of the week, dealings 15 months. Turnover this year are expected to open at a small is well ahead—thanks to

BRUNTONS

"EIGHTH successive advance in net earnings and dividends"

reports Mr A S Wood, Chairman

Comparative results	1975 £000	1976 £000
Net earnings	833	1,169
Net total dividends	456	502 ·
Dividends per share (gross)	8.77p	9.65p

- In our Centenary year we achieved a record pre-tax profit of 2.34 million compared with £1.69 million in 1975.
- ■A second interim dividend of 3.5089p per share net will be paid on 29 April 1977, making a total of 6.2709p net – the maximum
- The year began with high hopes of a rise in the world demand for steel products but when it came it was short-lived and the tonnage sold in the full year was about 15% lower than the record years of
- During the year new plant was installed in the Wire Mill and Stop Mill at a cost of £2 million. The programme is continuing with expenditure of £2 million already authorized for 1977 and this
- vill be added to during the year. Despite the continuing low demand for steel products the aggregate tonnage sold in the lins quarter was 5% up on the corresponding period last year. It is not possible to make a forecast for the current year, but it is felt that the company will succeed in obtaining at least its share of the home market and will

The annual general meeting will be held on 19th May 1977. Copies of the full report can be obtained from The Secretary. Bruntons (Musselburgh) Ltd., Musselburgh EH21 7UG, Scotland.

be able to stand up to competition in the export markets.



Points from the circulated review of the Chairman, Mr. W. Dennis Grove

₹ 1976 was a record year with advances of 43% in sales and

63% in pre-tax profits. * Board Division operated close to full capacity throughout 1976. The major expansion programme was reflected in increased

* General Products Division completed a successful year with further market penetration and enhanced results. Sales of spirally-

wound products made further headway. The new product range of half-litre composite oil containers, replacing metal cans, was launched by mid-year, and progress is

being maintained. Development work is proceeding on a new composite container for powdered foods and other uses. * Overseas progress during the first half-year was later

reversed with weak market conditions particularly in continental Europe and South Africa.

Sales and profits to-date are ahead of those a year ago and another successful year is in prospect.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS	1976	1 <i>9</i> 75
	€000	£000
Sales Turnover	24,308	16,985
Profit before Taxation	3,522	2,156
Earnings per share	9.72p	5.97p
Dividends net per share	3.21p	2.92p
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Copies of the 1976 Report and Accounts are obta the Secretary, T.P.T. Ltd., Rouniley, Cheshire.

Société Générale de Banque Generale Bankmaatschappij



The Société Générale de Banque has just published its annual report which has been presented to the Shareholders'General Meeting on 26 April 1977

(in Belgian francs)	at 31/12/1975	at 31/12/1976	tº/o
Balance sheet total	510,041,808,600	586,842,158,319	+15,1
Deposits and cash certificates	309,342,753,469	359,389,276,055	+16,2
Bankers Deposits	144,010,847,729	166,839,624,016	+15,9
Credits to the private sector -			į
provision of funds or signature	273,091,057,461	337,229,532,877	+23,5
Public bills and securities	147,016,838,980	165,720,382,462	+12,7
Seneral overheads excluding corporation			1
tax	13,549,975,762	75,910,251,946	+17,4

The gross cash flow has reached 4,429 million as against against 1,362 million in 1975. 3,451 million in 1975, an increase of 28,30/o. After de- The Board of Directors proposed to the General Meeting to 2,241 million, net profit amounts to 1,454 million as 832,579 new shares,

duction of 733 million in corporation tax as against 625 that a net dividend of BF 189 be paid on the 4,995,477 million in 1975 and depreciation with respect to proper- existing shares as against BF 175 net the previous year ty, securities and claims which rose from 1,484 million on the 4,162,898 old shares and BF 43,75 net on the

STRIKING DEVELOPMENTS IN 1976

- Participation in the conclusion by Beigian firms of important contracts for exports to Saudi Arabia and

- Credits for supplies of Belgian capital goods and engineering services to Algeria, France, Yugoslavia, South Korea and the USSR.

- Management or co-management of important international credits notably to Poland, Greece, Iraq and the

International Issues,

 Management of three loans representing a total of 80 million US dollars.

tal sum of 1.900 million US dollars. - Participation in the placement of 181 issues represenzing a total of 7,200 million US dollars.

- Sustained activity by subsidiaries and representative of-

fices throughout the five continents and extension of

Subsidiaries and representative offices.

Co-management of 42 issuing syndicates entailing a to-

the international network with the opening of new branches, notably in France and Brazil,

- Opening of a representative office in Tehran.

- Enlargement of the means of action of some of its affiliations held in conjunction with its partners in European Banks International (EBIC) : European Asian Bank, Banque Européenne de Crédit (BEC) and Euro-Pacific Finance Corporation.

- Planning, with the American authorities, of a procedure for restructuring the two European American Banks in New York in order to regroup the two entities in a single bank holding company,

- Setting up in London of the European Arab Bank Limited, a subsidiary of European Arab Holding.

 Active participation by the bank in setting up the network of the Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication (SWIFT) for data processing in relations with foreign banks,

Coffee sales plunge in US as prices rise

New York, April 26.-Record in coffee sales because of high retail coffee prices in the prices." United States of about S4 a depressed demand sharply in recent weeks and one major roaster has suspended buying green coffee beans, Representative Fred Richmond Representative Richmond reported that the declines apparhas said. The sales decline is expected to continue through August he added.

The New York Democrat is chairman of the House sub-committee on domestic marketing, consumer relations and nutrition and has been an outspoken critic of rising coffee

prices.
He said that the heads of two major roasting concerns had well below wholesale prices of told him that retail coffee sales dropped 8 per cent to 10 per cent in one case and as much as 30 per cent in another, during March and up to the last week in April, from a year prices will nosedieve because before.

Officials at General Foods Corp, America's largest roaster, would not comment. However, R source close to Folger Coffee Co, a subsidiary of Procter & Gamble, the second biggest roaster in the United States, said: "While the informat's n is preliminary and incomplete, we believe there has been a sigwe believe there has been a sig-nificant decline, industry-wide,

A spokesman for Great Atinitic & Pacific Tea Co said that sales of ground roasted coffee in the past three months have dropped as much as 20 ently confirm a prediction he said was made to him by one

roasting company executive last nonth, that retail sales would "tumble" during April.
"One executive told me that the only things keeping demand from dropping even more were that some major brands are still available in supermarkets as low as 53.29 a pound, which is well below wholesale prices of as much as 54.45 and concern

supplies are building up in producing countries and demand for the roasted product is dropping, according to one official."

He added that one executive also told him that the Brazilian coffee harvest, which begins in May, may be larger than the Brazilian Coffee Institute's estimate of about 15m 60-kilo bags.

Brazil soyabean estimate cut

Washington, April 26.— Brazil's 1977 soyabean output is now forecast at 12m tonnes, down 300,000 tonnes from a previous estimate, but 7 per cent above 1976 production, the United States agriculture publi-cation Foreign Agriculture

The lower forecast reflects dry weather which reduced yields in some areas. Trade sources project production of 20m tonnes by 1983, assuming an average growth rate of 8 per cent annually, it added.

Bank Base Rates

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Mr I. Foster new chairman of LME committee

The new committee of the London Metal Exchange has elected Mr Ian Foster, of H. P. Thompson and Sons, and Mr Christopher Green, of Cerro Metals (UK), as its chairman and vice-chairman, respectively.

The new committee, which is responsible for day-to-day management of the LME, took office on Monday but will not hold its first full meeting until

Including the chairman and vice-chairman, the committee is elected for one year and con-sists of 15 representatives of ring dealing firms, associated non-ring dealing firms as well as individual subscriber members.

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Vantona Group imited

ANOTHER YEAR OF GROWTH Pre-tax profit up by 51% Earnings per share up by 45%.

YEAR ENDED 28th NOVEMBER		1975 Million	
Turnover	75.5	55.0	29.4
Pre-Tax Profit	6.4	4.2	2.0
Extraordinary Profit	_		
(Net)	1.3	_	_
Available for Ordinary			
Shareholders	4.5	1.9	0.9
Earnings per share			
(before Extraordinal			
Profit)	20.4p	14.1p	8.8p
Dividend per share	4.6p	4.2p	2.7p
Net Assets per share	107.4p	82.6p	73.8p

Product Brand Names

Vantona, Horrockses, Chortex, Bevis, Diana Cowpe, Ewart Liddell, Wardle, Everwear, Spirella and Epatra

Copies of Chairman's Statement and Accounts are available from: Bank House, Charlotte Street, Manchester M1 4ET

Day of ups and downs for coffee

After coffee prices on the London market had dropped 540 to 580 yesterday morning, there was a recovery by lunch time which left prices £10 to £54 down. The early morning decline was a continuation of Monday's sell-off following on Irom an easier overnight close in New York. Market sentiment was also affected by a dead physical market and lack of roaster offtake.

. was at £92.20 (\$158.50)

Hongkong Commodity Ex-change, confirmed today that the exchange plans to open on May 9, subject to the issue of a licence by the Hongkong Government. However, jobber activity in a rather thin market helped an upture and the market may also make _teadled on talk that Brazil may have made a downward revision of its 1977-78 crop estimate. He said that he understands that the Executive Council will However, prices fell back again in the afternoon and at the close May was £100 down on the day. July had fallen £124. meet on May 3 to authorize issue of the licence. Initially the exchange will trade only in raw cotton futures. The list of members July had failed \$1.24.

Cocoa lost \$2 to \$22.50 against New York at the opening, but later steadied on mixed short covering and trade support to move within a fairly restricted has not yet been finalized, but Mr Scales said that most of the more than fifty applications received so far have been

He said membership is fully international, with many of the large United States, European and Japanese commission houses and merchants represented, as well as local commercial and well as local commercial and financial interests.
Commodity trading sources said that the international representation includes Bache Halsey Stuart, Shearson Hayden Stone, Acli, Jardine Gill and Duffus, Rudolf Wolff, Richard-

son Securities, and Ralli.

Mr Scales said it is not impossible that the daily cotton market turnover could reach 1,000 contracts (each of 50 bales) within a few months of conting

Hongkong

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Hongkong, April 26.-Mr Peter Scales, chairman of the

opening.

At current levels, this could be worth around \$20m, probably rather less than 20 per cent of the daily turnover of the New York cotton futures market.

Mr. John Wilson, president of Mr John Wilson, president of the exchange management com-mittee and chief executive of the exchange, said he hoped the local market will be more active than New York in a few

PLATINUM was at E-2.20 (\$158.50) a troy owner.

RUBBER was slightly steader (pence per kilo).—June \$1,75-52.75; July \$2,30-55.90; July-Sent 54-25.54.50; Oct-Dec 57-57.10; Jan-March 57.25; April-June 61.05-61.30; July-Sent 65-10-64.30; Oct-Dec 65.25-65.45; Jan-March 67-50-68.00, Sales: 4 lots at 5 tondes; 190-at 15 tonnes.

RUBBER PHYSICALS stoader.—Spot \$1.52. Cits. June 50-25-60.40; July \$1,22-21.50.

COFFEE was easier.—Vay. £3,720-30 ner metric ton; July. £3,720-30. Sept. \$2,800-10; March. £3,800-10; May. Mr Wilson said it is hoped to open the second market, in raw sugar futures, before the end of 1977. Mr Scales added that research will continue on other possible markets after sugar which will require additional government approval.

traded range. Dealings were relatively thin.

Futures closed the morning steady with gains from Monday night of £21 to £10 but prices were mostly down from the secsion's highs on jobber profit taking, dealers said.

At the afternoon close May was £21 up on the day, July had put on £23.50.

On the LME cash copper wire bars declined £5.50 and three months were down fo. in the morning. Initial losses reflected lower liquided States futures, the Wall Street trend and the decline in gold, dealers said. E21 up on the day. July had put on £23.50.

On the LME cash copper wire bars declined £5.50 and three months were down £6.10 the morning. Initial losses reflected lower United States futures, the Wall Street trend and the decline in gold, dealers said.

Some selling reserve was generated by continuing concern over the outcome of the forthcoming United States copper labour contract talks, trade sources said.

At the afternoon close cash wire bars were £8.75 down and three months was £9.25 lower.

Sliver lost 3p to 3.5p in the morning ring, prices being marked



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Lead eased in the morning by \$6.50 for cash and £7 for three months. The decline in copper led to three months trading down to £378 on the pre-market. But the lower levels attracted light bear covering and this position traded at £361 during ring and kerb dealing. At the afternoon close cash was £7.50 lower and three months had dropped £8.75.



Foreign :: Exchange

The Swiss frauc yesterday dropped more than I per cent in European currency markets, in trading unsettled by fresh Credit Suisse developments.

The guilder was pressed at its European Joint float ceiling for most of the session but the Dutch central bank said no reason exists to adjust the currency's float position.

tion.

The Swiss franc weakened to around 2.5350 against the dullar at one stage before closing at 2.5320.

Trading in the franc appeared mostly unsettled by news of a 3,000m franc standby credit offer to Credit Suisse—which it subsequently said it does not need to The guilder closed unchanged in dollar terms at 2.4630, with the the guider close discusance in dollar terms at 2.4630, with the Dutch central bank estimated to have bought 118m marks in float intervention as well as an undeter-mined amount of dollars.

Gold closed at \$147.125 an ounce, \$1.5 down on the day. **Spot Position**



Discount market

There was again a shortage of and the Bank of England bailed out the discount houses with help on an extremely large scale. This comprised very large loans to seven or eight houses at MLR for repayment today and purchases

of a moderate amount of Treasury bills directly from the houses. This assistance was possibly 1 little underdone on this occasion, so rates did not come off materi-ally at the finish, closing within a band of 81 per cent to 81 per cent, after holding in the 81 per cent to 81 per cent area for most

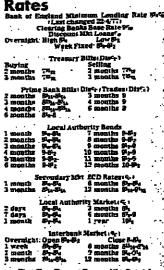
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The banks were not particularly active. One clearer was certainly a caller on a modest scale, while another had some money to lend. The rest seemed to have pretty flat positions, though the banking system as a whole ind come over from Monday with balances somewhat above target levels.

Adverse factors were principally

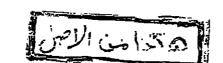
Adverse factors were principally a fairly substantial excess of revenue inflow over Exchequer disrevenue inflow over Exchequer dis-bursements, very large repayments that houses had to make to the Bank of England in respect of Monday's MLR borrowings, some lag of instalment money that had been due the previous day for the Exchequer 1992 issue, and a very small figure for increase in note circulation.

Money Market



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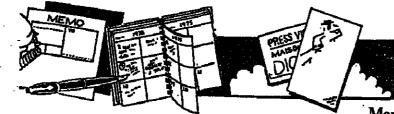
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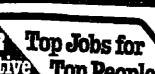
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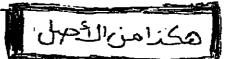
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and quality control of work in the fields of design,

supplies and construction, commissioning and inspection of machinery and equipment during production in

connection with the construction of a natural gas

liquefaction plant at Bethioua, Arzew, Algeria to

Nine units for the liquefaction of natural gas and extraction of butane and propane, storage, transfer and unloading facilities for LNG, propane and butane

Tender specifications may be obtained from Projet

GNL 3-B.P. 06 Bethioua (Arzew), Algeria-Telex No. 22038 between 5.4.1977 and 30.4.1977. Tenders should be sent in two envelopes marked

Monsieur le Vice Président
ENGINEERING ET DEVELOPPEMENT
10, Rue du Sahara—Hydra—Algiers (Algeria)
to reach the above address by not later than 5 p.m.

Bidders shall be bound by their tenders for a period

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Washington prepares the ground for next week's summit talks in London

President Carter wants to find out if Europe takes him seriously and knows its own mind

From James Reston Washington, April 27

Mr Jimmy Carter is going to Europe next week for the first ime as President, and he is ime as President, and he is preparing the way carefully in recognition of the fact that Europe usually takes a highly sceptical view of new American

White House by David Dim-bleby of the BBC and reporters from the other big West Euro-way through Congress, will leave from the other dig west European television organizations.
This interview will be shown on the Eurovision network the night before he arrives in way intough congress, who leave more energy for West Europe, Japan and developing nations.

Moreover, he is taking a philosophy to the summit. Just the Eurovision network the night before he arrives in London for the economic sum-

Mr Jody Powell, the White House press secretary, arranges these things and he is very good at them. If anyone criticizes his skipper, he is excessively protective and deferring the secretary protective and deferring the same arranges to deal with their common problems. Can they work march as the secretary protective and deferring the same arranges are secretary.

dent cooperates. There was a bit of a con-troversy within the Administra-tion about how the President should approach his first official mission abroad. Some official mission abroad. Some of his aides thought that modesty was the best policy and that he should slip in quietly and take his place with the should slip in quietly and take his place with the should slip in and the Israelis.

the European and Japanese leaders, without dominating the conference before it began, but

visit to Europe is good. His widely publicized energy programme has had a better press in West Europe than in the United States. In international Accordingly, he has given a personal interview to the correspondents of The Times, of London, Le Monde, Die Welt, and La Stampa. On Monday he will be interviewed at the parid Dimester of the supply for the industrial nations and that therefore Mr Carter's effect to reduce a recommendation. London for the economic sum-mit meeting at No 10 Downing Street.

As he is saying that the Ameri-can people must change their ways, he is saying that the free

good at them. It anyone criticizes his skipper, he is excessively protective and defensive, but, when it comes to putting his man on television for the energy programme or the forth-coming visit to Europe, he lines up the networks, and the President cooperates.

to deal with their common problems. Can they work together for a new order between the industrial and developing nations in the world? This is what Mr Carter will be asking. It will be interesting to see how the leaders of West Europe and Japan reast in him personand Japan react to him personand Japan react to min person-ally and to his idealistic yearn-ings. By the end of the year he is going to have to deal with the Soviet Union about arms

He is confronted with power-ful forces for larger military people to pay attention to him when he gets to London, but the propaganda view prevailed.

Even so, the timing of his budgets and more protectionist trade policies at home, and he will be trying to find out in his first summit meeting in London whether there is any possibility

of finding some compromise.
This London summit conference next week is not like Rooseveir's London economic conference in the early 1930s, which was a disaster, but more like the early days of the Marshall Plan, or European Recovery Programme, after the Second World War. When Washington suggested radical new programmes, Europe hesitated but finally agreed to take Washington seriously. As I understand it, Mr Carter

is going to Europe to talk things over before he goes into the Soviet and Middle East problems, just to find out whether there is something left that is important, and try to get the industrial powers

There is obviously a feeling here that the democratic govern-ments of the world are in trouble, that the shaky coalition governments of West Europe do not know where they are going to be a year or two from now, and that the same is true of Japan; also, that all these governments are vaguely confused by Mr Carter and his new Administration in Washington. has something to say and some thing he wants to find out.

He really believes in what has been called the trilateral system of America, Europe and Japan and the London confer-ence will be his first overseas test of this belief. After that, he will have to deal with the Middle East tangle and the struggle with the Soviet Union over the control of strategic arms, but he is going to London to test whether he is taken seriously and whether the other free countries will find ways to

get together. Mr Carter is probably as confused about Europe as it is about him. The worst kind of diplomats are missionaries, Harold Nicolson observed. The best kind are reasonable and human sceptics. Thus it is not religion which has been the main formative influence in diplomatic theory, but common

Europe is obviously worried about Mr Carter because it thinks he is a missionary and will probably resent his propagandistic entrance into London, but he is going there with a clear intention of trying to find out what Europe has to say for itself.—New York Times News Service.

Perhaps this is why Mr
Powell persuaded the President to be interviewed by the leading papers of West Europe and the European relevision network.

News Service.

Footnote: Mr Carter's Washington interview will be published in Europa, with The Times, next Tuesday.

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Murdoch defence of popular press

New York, April 27.—Mr Rupert Murdoch, the Austra-lian newspaper proprietor, made a strong defence of "sen-sationalism" in the press in a speech in San Exercises. speech in San Francisco yesterday. He accused many American papers of being dull and out of touch with their readers. Too many newspapers the

world over seem more preoccupied with covering the machinery of government rather than the lives of the governed ", he said. "Too often the follow, he said." the tedium is the message."

Film team freed

Nairobi, April 27.—Miss Anne-Marie Gronberg, Finnish television photographer, and Mr Islamshah Aziz, a Nairobi-based photographer, have been allowed to return to Kenya after being arrested by Tanzanian police while filming at the border crossing at Namanga, 150 miles from here.

Electric chair verdict

Mobile, Alabama, April 27.— Wayne Ritter and John Evans, both self-confessed murderers, were sentenced, as they requested, to die in the electric chair before surrise on July 25. But their case will be reviewed by the Alabama Supreme Court.

Mrs Sakharov's plea

Moscow, April 27.—Mrs Yelena Sakharov, wife of Dr Andrei Sakharov, the Soviet human rights campaigner, has applied for permission to make a second visit to Italy for an eye operation. She went there for an operation on her left eye in September, 1975.

Women riot police

Tokyo, April 27.—The Japanese police have organized a special riot squad of 200 women to control demonstrations by women, old people and those physically handi-

Israeli defence critic Jerusalem, April 27.--Israel's Army, Defence Ministry and Fidance Ministry were criticized in a report by the State Comptroller for waste, bad planning and other shortcomings.

Airlift completed Addis Ababa, April 27.—A group of 154 Americans flew to Athens today, virtualy compet-ing the exodus of 300 United States citizens ordered out of Ethiopia.

Syrian leader gives Israel warning not to acquire nuclear arms

From Robert Fisk

Damascus, April 27 President Assad of Syria today delivered a carefully optimistic but ruthless appraisal of the prospects for peace in the Middle East.

He said the Arab states would not hesitate to resort to war if a Geneva conference failed to recover occupied Arab territory and if there was no peace agreement with Israel. Syria would acquire nuclear arms if Israel was found to have them, he added.
"We do not exclude the pos-

sibility that Israel possesses such weapons", he said. "If Israel does have nuclear weapons then we will possess them too, but possession of nuclear arms by Israel would be the

worst evil for her. worst evn for her.

"One can very easily realize that when both sides possess such arms Israel would not be able to withstand a large number of bombs. It is in Israel's interest not to possess Israel's interest not to possess such arms, if it has them, it

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CIA activities

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sobering press conference, given at the request of British journalists accompanying Dr. David Owen, the foreign Secretary, on his Middle East tour, also provided him with an opportunity for commenting on his relations with the Soviet Union and on his apparently high regard for President

ing distening to a stern lecture who wanted nothing more than from Mr Khaddam, the Syrian a settlement and that the Foreign Minister, on the Arabs should give these people alleged intransigence of the Israelis before being called to the Providence of the Israelis before being called to the Providence of the Israelis before being called to the Providence of the Israelis before being called to the Providence of the Israelis before being called to the Israelis before before being called to the Is

official talks. President Assad, in a mood which those who know him well said was remarkably relaxed and frank, refused to consider that the Arab states might make concessions to

the President's office for his

encourage peaceful initiatives by the Israelis. "Why should you always imagine that the Arabs should be more enchusiastic about going to Geneva than the Israelis? And why should you imagine that the Arabs should

be more enthusiastic about peace than the Israelis?" almost as strong as King grammes.—Reuter.
Husain's on the prospects for peace. Asked what would Husain of Jordan to he said: "We want the Geneva peace, but we are not deeply Carter. in love with Geneva."

The idea that the Arabs versy, he said. "That is pre-should not have to make con-cisely what the Middle East cessions to the Israelis was needs. It is precisely what

Dr Owen, whom he described Khaddam. He took the view, as "a nice man with an and apparently expressed it understanding of the situation", spent part of the morn-were many people in Israel

some encouragement.

The president is obviously relying on President Carter to create the mood for peace on both sides and his praise of the American President was, for an arab leader, quite glow-

Damascus, April 27.—Dr Owen and Mr Khaddam signed a cultural agreement tonight which provides for the reopening of the British Council in Damascus. It was closed down with the break in diplomatic relations between the two

countries in 1967. The agreement also provides for an exchange of scholarships, peace than the Israelis?" training courses, teachers and President Assad's caution was radio and television pro-

Washington, April 27.—Ring usain of Jordan today accused happen if the Geneva con- Israel of pursuing a "dead-end failed to materialize, policy "that could lead only to "We want the Géneva the destruction of the Middle conference to be reconvened in East. He said he had "great order to discuss measures for expectations" of President

"He is not atraid of controopposed tentatively by Dr Owen American policy in the Middle in his discussions with Mr East needs."—AP.

Dismissals over sale of US explosives to Libya

From Our Own Correspondent Capberra, April 27.--Mr Washington, April 27

Fraser, the Australian Prime Minister told Parliament today vestigate allegations that the a formular concepts to the Libyan done in 31 years of service.

Government. Admiral Stansfield Turner, the CIA director, took this unusual step after the Washington Post first published the allegations two detonators, thus leading them United States Central Intellivolved in undercover activities

after reports of allegations at the Los Angeles trial of Chris-Mr Edwin Wilson, the former CIA officer, who runs a consulting firm in Washington, is alleged to have agreed to supply the Libyans with 500,000 detonators of a kind that could have set to go off topher Boyce, aged 25, a stu-dent and former CIA code clerk, on espionage charges had been published by Australian news-Mr Boyce testified yesterday that could be set to go off after an interval of up to a that his revulsion at CIA invol-vement in Australia in 1975 had led him into a web of blackmail and supplying docu-ments to the Soviet Union. year. There is a further allegation that he smuggled some of them out of the country in medicine bottles. He has denied the allegations.

weeks ago.

The two other CIA officers. who are said to have helped him, did nothing illegal. Their Two officials at the Central names nove intelligence Agency have been closed. Admiral Turner satisfication of the dismission of them was to most difficult thing he have explosives to the Libyan control of the two men's role in the two men's r names have not been dis-closed. Admiral Turner said that dismissing them was the most difficult thing he had

> detonators, thus leading them to believe that he was working for the CIA.
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> The implication is that
> American equipment could find its way into the hands of various terrorist organizations, supported by the Libyan Government, notably some Palestinian groups and perhaps

> the IRA. Admiral Turner spent part of this morning testifying to on the agency's

Ceremony at St Paul's for Dr Nkrumah

By Kenneth Mackenzie

The first ceremonies in the final obsequies for Dr Kwame Nkrumah, the first President of Ghana, who died five years ago yesterday, were held in the crypt of St Paul's Cathedral, London, yesterday.

About 500 people, including representatives of the Queen and the British Government, heard Canon John Collins pay tribute to "my friend" who had paid such a big part in the peaceful transfer of power from the British Government to an independent Ghana.

He mentioned the "corruption of power " that came later, but spoke of Nkrumah's great vision of a united free Africa which set in motion the creation of the Organization of African Unity.

President Nkrumah was overthrown by a military coup in 1966. The ceremonies yester-day were held after conciliation moves by the present Ghana regime, under General Ignatius Acheampong. The final rites will be celebrated at Nkrumah's birtipplace, Nkroful, in the Eastern Region of Ghana, where his remains are buried, later this year.

Prayer service held for Chile prisoners

By Edward Mortimer

General Workers' Union, read the lesson at a lunchtime service of prayer yesterday for "Chile's Secret Prisoners" at All Souls, Langham Place.

The Right Rev Gerald Mahon, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster, said in an address that more than 2,500 names were known of people who had disappeared in Chile since the military coup of 1973 and whose relatives had been unable to trace them. According to Amnesty International and the Chile Committee for Human Rights, which organized the service, for at least 500 of these cases there are legal documents attesting to their detention A statement was read by Dr

Prayers were said by the Rev

Mr Jack Jones, General Secretary of the Transport and

Edgardo Enriquez, a former Chilean Education Minister, one of whose sons is on the list of those who have disappeared. Paul Oestreicher, chairman of Amnesty International's British section, the Rev Brian Duckworth, assistant general secre-tary of the British Council of Churches, and Mr Walter Martin, general secretary of the Friends' Service Council.

THE COMPANIES ACTS, 1948 to 1967 IAN HARMER AND ASSOCIATES Limited. Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 293 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a MEETING of the Companies Act, 1948, that a MEETING of the Company will be held at 8 Upper Conserver Street London, wilk and the company of the said Act, 1971 at 12 month for the company of the said Act, 1971. Bateg this 14th day of April. By Order of the Board. I. HARMER Director.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of JACK THE LAD Limited. Nature of Business: Employer of artistes.

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WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 28th March, 1977.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS 15th May, 1977, at Room 620, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduci, London ECIH 2HD. at 10.00 o'clock.

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L. R. BATES, Official Beceiver and Provisional Liquidator.

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In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE.
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Take notice that a Meeting of the
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Dated this 28th day of April.
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In the High Court of Justice Divison. Companies Court in the Matter of LEOWISE Limited and in the Matter of LEOWISE Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act 1948

By Order of the High Court of Justice dated 2nd J-ly. 1"-70 Mr. DAVID LLEWELLYN MORGAN Chartered Accountant of Alfred Tooke & Company. 8 Upper Grosvener Street, London W.1X OAL has been appointed LIQUIDATOR of the above-named company.

Dated this 14th tag of April. 1977.

D. L. MORGAN. D. L. MORGAN. Liquidator.

The Companies Acts 1948 in 1967
RITZISLE Limited
Notice is hereby given, pursuant in section 395 of the Companies Act 1948, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above-amend Company will be held at the officer of Leonard Carils & Company, 5/4 Bontinet Strost, London WIA 3BA, on Thursday, the 5th day of May 1977, at 12 o'clock midday, for the purposes mentioned in sections 394 and 235 of the and Act.

Dated this 21st day of April 1977.

By Order of the Board,

LAN LEBETAN.

Director.

COMPANY MEETING NOTICES

COMPAGNIE FINANCIERE DE SUEZ Societé Anolyme registered in France with a capital of Frs. 841,918,800 Registered Office : 1. rue d'Astorg, 75008 Paris GENERAL MEETINGS OF SHAREHOLDERS May 24, 1977

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[11] The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held at 2.30 p.m.s ior the following nursons: Report of the Directors: Report of the Directors: Report of the Directors: Report of the Auditors: Report of the Auditors: To part of the Auditors: To report of the Auditors: To report of the Auditors: To report for the Auditors: To spending of his manages ment to a former Directors: MULOCOMES COCKED TO ABBINES of the Millouin who is resigning: To delegate powers regarding compilance with formalities. Only members bolding at least five shares may lake part in the Annual General Meeting that members holding at least five shares may lake part in the Annual General Meeting that members and the shares who deneral Meeting that the holding and the Annual General Moeting. Such annual General Moeting. On the Annual General Moeting. Such annual General Moeting. Such annual General Moeting. Such annual General Moet

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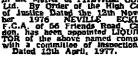
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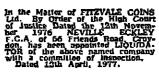
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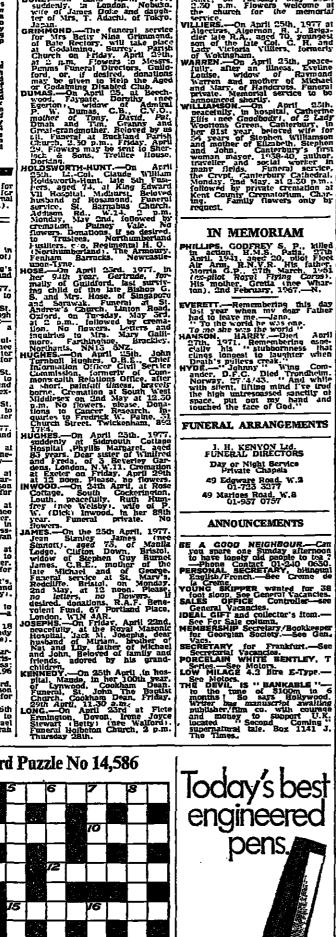
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Road, S.W.II, at 5 p.m., on
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TUC willing to talk about renewal of social contract

By Our Labour Editor him an increase higher than
The General Council of the the norm agreed between the
TUC yesterday confirmed its
TUC and the Government. It
willingness to talk with the has been carried on from pre-Government about a renewal of the social contract when the voluntary pay curbs expire in

three months. Union leaders approved a minute of their economic committee report on negotiations with the Cabiner, which so far have been held only ar an informal level. A timetable for the main negotiations on what should come after phase two have yet to emerge, but the principle that they will talk has been estab-

The only criticism on pay policy voiced at yesterday's council meeting came from Mr Clive Jenkins, general secretary of the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs. He objected to clause 17 of the Price Commis-sion Bill, which had its second reading in the House last night, on the ground that it could give an incoming Tory government power to invoke a

pay restraint.

The offending clause relieves employers of the legal responsibility of honouring an employee's contract if it gives

By George Clark

broke, he said.

Political Correspondent

Britain needs a long term in-dustrial strategy and should not

pin her hopes on a North Sea oil "bonanza", Lord Watkin-son, president of the Confedera-

tion of British Industry, said at a Parliamentary Press Gallery luncheon yesterday.

It would be disastrous for the

economy if, at the end of a five-year period of riches derived

from oil the country ended up

"If we do not have such a

strategy, our country is done and finished." It was necessary

to work out an agreement on strategy between the Govern-

ment, the unions and the CBI in such bodies as the National

Economic Development Council.

No one should underestimate

the work or significance of the

Government economic de-cisions should be based on hard

Aberdeen Mr Alan Bristow, chairman

of Bristow Helicopters, the

company disrupted by a strike of half its Aberdeen-based pilots, yesterday blamed the British Air Line Pilots Asso-

ciation (Balpa) for the dispute.

It had asked other unions to

support its fanatical policies, he said. Its wrecking tactics were an attempt to dictate

terms to the company by seiz-

ing on the dispute over the

dismissal of Captain Peter Roy-

Mr Bristow said Balpa-sought to control all pilots fly-

ing to rigs and so gain power to hold the entire North Sea

oil and gas industry to ransom.

The blacking of supply ships in the North Sea is not

expected to be effective for

some days. It is understood the National Union of Seamen,

which is supporting the strik-ing pilots, has members on 70

cupply boats operating between Dundee and Shetland.

Pilots' union

accused in

rig dispute

From Ronald Faux

vious legislation on prices.

Mr Len Murrey, general sec-retary of the TUC, said: "The Government have made it crystal clear that the whole ques-tion of pay is with the TUC and that the Bill can only be read in that context. The Bill in no way preempts the discussions which are going to take place with the Government on what should follow the present pay round.

"There has never been any question of the TUC's giving support to every clause in the Bill, because the general council still want to see more action in the prices field by the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection and the Chancellor." There was strong criticism of the Government's "inthe Government's "in-adequate" record on price con-trols at the general council meeting, led by Mr Jack Jones.

But Mr Murray added: "It would be quite wrong for anyone to infer from this that the TUC would support MPs voting against the Bill."

The Government should avoid

vexatious squalls from industry,

such as the one that blew up over the sudden imposition of

higher national insurance con-

tributions without previous con-sultation. It should know what

before taking action.

ras a "runner" with industry

There must be more con-

tinuity of industrial policy. "A developed NEDC industrial

strategy could provide safe-

guards against pulling things to

pieces every year or so."
In that way industry could

produce what Britain desper-

arely needed: higher output and lower inflation; more pro-

fits and less underused plant;

and, above all, more money for those who could earn it and a

much greater concentration on

Politicians should not make

Youth unemployment will be one of the main issues discussed

by world leaders when they

meet at 10 Downing Street on May 7 and 8 for their summit

conference, the Prime Minister

told a British Youth Council

level of youth unemployment in

present difficulties for several

The success of the Covern-

ment's industrial strategy would

do much to mop up the cyclical

aspect of youth unemployment,

international assessment of the

which he felt would

delegation yesterday.

Britain.

economy's productive

discussed at summit

Oil spree warning by CBI chief

Civil Service union may reject phase 3 By Christopher Thomas

Labour Reporter

Continued pay restraint is expected to be rejected next week by the Civil and Public Services Association, the biggest Civil Service union, representing nearly 250,000 of the lowest-paid government em-

ployees. Mr Kenneth Thomas, the general secretary, said yester-day that the association's executive was not attracted by argupents for a phase three income policy. Delegates to its confer-ence would be urged to oppose restraint

He said most of his members earn less than the national average wage. "As a lower-paid union we need to upser what are regarded as traditional differentials."

The association is likely to be one of the first big votes against the social contract. Mr Thomas said it would not be enthusiastic about productivity

But Mr Murray added: "It the Chancellor had given tax concessions worth up to £10 a week, he said. "Offer our members £10 a week and they would be much more interested in the social contract."

thing began to work it was obsolete.

way involved must not lose our nerve at the critical moment

phase three of pay restraint.

"There should be a phase

three settlement related to the

5 per cent inflation level that

begin to pave the way for the

radical reform of collective bar-

gaining which we set out 10

by the Government to see that,

where it is the ultimate pay-master, the limit will be kept."

a method of more flexible bar

gaining within company and

plant pay limits could then be

adopted, the limits being broadly related to those set by

ing to persuade the Council of Ministers of the EEC of the

need for a common European policy backed up with adequate

Mr Callaghan, with Mr Booth, Secretary of State for Employ-

ment, and Mr Oakes, Minister

variety of youth organiza-tions that belong to the

British Youth Council, dis-

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"So all of us who are in any

it is essential to achieve

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Youth unemployment to be

Mr Callaghan said he was of State at the Department of greatly concerned about the Education and Science, spent

Forecast of National agent to run $1\frac{1}{4}$ p in £ Newham, NE party price rise

Rubbish left outside the refuse department in Richmond, London,

in protest at a nine week strike by dustmen, which ends today.

By Michael Hatfield Political Reporter British food prices will rise by 12p in the pound in the next

year under European Economic Community rules, Mr Silkin, Minister of Agriculture, Fisher-ies and Food, said yesterday. The butter subsidy awarded to

Britain from Community funds might cut prices in Britain by as much as 8p a lb at first. "I have heard it said that

the reduction might end in June", he told reporters in London. "Who is to say? The

next big leap in prices will come in September."

Commission to impose a tax on

oils used in margarine had

been blocked, Mr Silkin said.

But its campaign to ban the use of such words as "cream" and

"butter" in products that did

not contain them would con-

Mr Silkin said he wanted long-term improvements in EEC farm policy. "We want to look

not only at the icing—the butter subsidy—but also at the cake." The EEC farm price agree-

ment was condemned yesterday by Sir Henry Plumb, president

of the National Farmers' Union.

The Government had not done

enough to raise returns to

farmers or to ease the agony of

the pig industry, he said.
"Farmers face the future with

the Court committee, which

found that health care pro-vided for children is in-

adequate, may be rejected by

Dr Arnold Ellion, chairman

of a working party set up to study the report by the Gen-eral Medical Services Commit-

family doctors.

The attempt by the EEC

Labour's national executive moved swiftly yesterday to avoid the possibility of further lingation over the constituency of Newham, North-east, where Mr Prentice is the Labour MP. possibly in June.

The scheduled annual meeting in February was stopped when some moderates in the constituency obtained a temporary injunction. Since then there has been the judgment, given by Mr Justice Kerr on April 7, that the annual meeting had been improperly convened and that the election of delegates contained irregulari-

National executive committee members yesterday suspended the local party's general committee, executive committee and officers, and authorized Mr Reginald Underhill, the national agent, to conduct the day-to-day affairs of the constituency party. That will include matters relating to the local government elections and convening the annual meeting.

Although Mr Prentice, who has announced that he will stand as a Democratic Labour

better education for GPs in

paediatrics, but said that in general its proposals cut across

family medicine as it was prac-

party would be debated by the

profession in July, and he would be surprised if it did not become British Medical

Association policy. The cost of

Professor S. D. M. Court said he was not discouraged by the criticism of his committee's

implementing the Court propo-sals would be fantastic.

The report of his working

tised in Britain.

election, criticized those who had sought the injunction, national party officers thought there might have been further legal action.
Wards, union branches and

condidate at the next general

organizations will be advised when the annual meeting is to Mr Prentice is the Labour MP, be, and it is possible, although not thought likely, that their selection of delegates might tip the balance in favour of the moderates. Even if so, few Labour sup-

porters believe Mr Prentice would be reinstated, as not all the moderates in the party these days support the actions he has taken. It would be a supreme irony if the moderates did gain control and in the next general election chose a candidate who might find Mr Prentice as his opponent.
Also yesterday, the national

executive endorsed a decision of its organization committee that the Lambeth, Vauxball, constituency party was acting unconstitutionally by asking all candidates for the seat to sign a declaration that they accepted the local party's right of recall at any time if they became the Labour MP.

Several candidates agreed to sign, but party officials denied that they had a better chance of being short-listed for nomina-

might have for years.

had fewer resources. We had a

count on the support of the middle management inside Ulster's four power stations, some observers think that with Three faces of Ulster

for Defence.

it is understood the Govern-

ment is planning will be the sending of extra troops by air

to Northern Ireland. There is a

conviction in official circles that the strikers must be given

an early indication of the extent of the Government's resolve.

There are about three thou-

sand fewer troops serving in

sand lewer troops serving in the province than three years ago, although a Spearhead Battalion is on permanent stand-by in Britain to provide an immediate back-up of 500

men to the existing total of 14,000.

There is still doubt about the ability of soldiers or the other two Services to handle the tech-

By Our Religious Affairs Correspondent

factionalism

The Army and Government in Northern Ireland had become third faction alongside the Roman Catholics and Protes-tants a leading Northern Ireland churchman said in London yesterday. Dr E. J. Weir, Moderator of

the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, said the result was bitterness and frustration, leading to threats of strikes and civil disobedience.

Northern Ireland gave the appearance of a kind of colonialism, Dr Weir told the assembly of the British Council of Churches. Decisions were made over the heads of elected representatives of the people, and Doctors may reject child-health proposals often against their wishes. "The intentions are honourable, but the consequences are From John Roper Speaking at the congress of loss of 18,000 children at birth the Royal Society of Health, or in the first year was unacted the welcomed some of the company to the company no less dangerous for all that", he declared.

British policy appeared to apply double standards, devolu-One child in 50 was born with a serious malformation. tion being urged for Scorland and Wales and denied in Studies indicated that there were likely to be a million Northern Ireland, and powerchildren with significant psy-chiatric disorders which they sharing being urged on Northern Ireland while politicians at Westminster resisted the idea of Professor Neville Butler,
Professor of Child Health at
Bristal University, said many
countries achieved better
results in child-care than
Britain did, even though some coalition for themselves. Dr Weir added that if Northern Ireland was not a nation in the sense that Eng-land, Scotland, and Wales were nations, a sense of nationhood was being forged out of the present experience. A claim for independence was one of the high illegitimacy rate and there were five thousand pregreport. There were serious under 15, a third of which deficiencies in the service. A resulted in births. contingencies being considered

Plans ready to cope with Ulster strike

From Christopher Walker army back-up they would be been balf the supply.

Belfast

After a study of the handling of the last "loyalist" strike in Northern Ireland in 1974, the Government has drawn up a secret list of contingency plans secret list of contingency plans to cope with the new protest or extent of the disruption planned by the umbrells group-ing the United Unionist Action action threatened by Protestant extremists from early next Council.

Consultations have taken place between Mr Mason, the Secretary of State, the Prime More details of their protect will be contained in an advertisement due to be published in Minister and other senior memа Belfast newspaper попоттом bers of the Cabinet, including morning Mr Ernest Baird, one of the leaders said yesterday that there would be no com-Mr Mulley, Secretary of State promise in their twin demands Although details of the disfor immediate implementation cussions are being kept private, government sources in Belfast of the convention report and a have indicated that, in direct contrast with 1974, both the

new drive against the IRA.

During the day, as shops reported more panic buying of
foodstuffs and emergency cook. Army and the police will take swift action against any threats to public order in the streets. Among the early moves that ing equipment, the build-up of moderate opinion against the threatened action continued at a rate that has heartened

Much of the criticism of the proposed strike has come from within the Official Unionist Party. United Ulster Unionist Coalition now exists in little but name. The Official Unionists urged postponement of any protest until after the local government elections scheduled for May 18.

Several industrial groups which are arraid of the consesequences that a strike might have for Ulster's ailing economy voiced concern. The nonsectarian Alliance Party placed an advertisement in a Belfan newspaper challenging the

nical difficulties of the elec-tricity supply, which provided the key to the quick success of the loyalists in 1974. strike leaders to enswer seven critical questions.

Mr Mason spoke about the threatened disruption while visiting the Harland and Woff. Even if the Government could shippard in east Belfast He said: "I shall be quite firm from the outset."

Mr Paisley faces threat of expulsion

Correspondent

If the Rex Ian Paisley, the United Ulster Unionist MP for Antrim, North, continues to take part in the organization of the general strike planned by "loyalists" to bring Northern Ireland to a standstill on Mon day he is likely to be expelled from the United Ulster Unionist group at Westminster.

That was made clear yesterday by Mr James Molyneaux, the leader of the group, who said his advice to constituents was not to enter into illegal activities, if that was what was intended by those organizing the strike. He thought Mr Paisley would recognize that he could expect to be expelled from the group if he continued in the organizing committee and the strike took place.

Mr Enoch Powell, MP for Down, South, was even more forthright. "I can only regard actions as irresponsible unconstitutional and calculated to inflict maximum damage on the interests of Ulster and the Union", he said.

"I find it hard to see how in these circumstances the Ulster Unionist parliamentary party could continue to main-tain its existing connexion with Dr Paisley.

Mr Molyaeaux told a Conmons press conference that he favoured constitutional; men-sures to persuade the Government to adopt stricter security and restore a form of regional

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but the severe underlying struc-tural difficulty would remain, and that would need to be tackled by far-reaching governsystem to serve all school-leavers with occupational tee, which represents all genment measures, be said. guidance, job-placement and a variety of opportunities for further education, training and eral practitioners, said at East-He had continually empha bourne yesterday that the com-mittee did not accept recomsized the importance of youth unemployment to his colleagues employment. It also calls for a guarantee of at least some type mendations to appoint general practitioner paediatricians and abroad, and he hoped the Downing Street summit conof activity for young people on leaving school, together with a minimum maintenance grant. child-health visitors, or a suggestion for compulsory medical examinations. ference would provide some

resigned from board

Continued from page 1 time held a power of attorney for Mr Stevens, reported the outcome of that meeting with outcome of that meeting with Mr Stevens to Sir Max by telephone. At the end of the conversation he understood that Sir Max would arrange to see Mr Stevens the next day. After his meeting with Sir Max Mr Stevens returned to the office and carried on his job as chief executive and deputy chairman. In view of the situation Mr wished to resign from the Beaverbrook board, which he did last Friday. Before his resignation he had expressed some personal reservations about the proposed deal with Associated Newspapers, on which he had been working for

Newspaper merger: An official appropriate of the merger between the Evening Standard and the Evening News is expected today after management representatives of the two newspaper groups involved have met the general secretaries of the printing and journalists' unions (a Staff Reporter writes).

Mr Vere Harmsworth, chairman of Associated Newspapers, and Mr Stevens are expected to tell heads of the unions this afternoon of the merger. Later Mr Harmsworth is due to brief officials of the union branches at the Evening News and the

Security, replied in Glasgow yesterday to Mr Iain Sproat,

Conservative MP for Aberdeen, South, who has alleged wide-scale fraud by welfare claim-ants. Mr Orme said he was not

prepared to countenance a witch-hunt against claimants.

He said that, of 765 letters of

and officials of the union branches at the Evening

Tomorrow Mr . Harmsworth and Mr Stevens are to address a joint meeting of the editorial

There is strong resistance merger. Journalists on the Evening News stopped work yesterday morning and held a mandatory union meeting all day. They said they would re-sume work only if the manage-ment agreed that there would be no compulsory redundancies. The newspaper appeared but with more agency reports than

usual. There was no trouble at the Standard. Workers' protest : Leaflets were prepared by printing workers esterday entitled Murder of a Newspaper-Which One? The leaflet invites the public to ask

the Government for the planned merger to be submitted to the Monopolies Commission. "Employees, many with long and loyal service to their employers, have not been con-sulted" the leaflet says.

"Once again, a few people will decide what you can or cannot read and in the process make thousands of workers un-employed. We say they should not be allowed to take such a decision without you—the people of London, the public-Beaverbrook management will having the opportunity of see the heads of departments expressing a point of view."

Mr Orme, Minister for Social compared public talk of wideSecurity, replied in Glasgow spread abuse of the social "What I am not prepared pesterday to Mr Iain Sproat, security system to the mythical do is to have a witch-hunt on conservative MP for Aberdeen, foreign restaurants "that sell welfare state and the DI which will only affect mills."

He added: "One has to keep this within reason. I wish the media and the public would be

as concerned about tax evasion and tax fraud and VAT fraud

complaint forwarded by Mr as they are about social security would-be complainants to be Sproat, only 16 resulted in the fraud. Last year the Inland careful before they made allediscovery of cases of fraud. He Revenue realized more than gations.

Press increasingly hostile to Labour, MP says

By Our Political Staff As more newspapers go out of existence those remaining become increasingly hostile to the Labour Party, Mr Norman Atkinson, MP for Haringey, Tottenham, and treasurer of the party, said in a political broadcast on BBC Radio 4 last night.

"It always seems to me a shocking state of affairs when so much of the British press decide, incidentally without any consultation whatsoever, that their readers are not interested in the socialist case, so they do not bother to print any aspect of it", he said.
Labour wanted to pursue objectives different from the

Conservatives. "We want to devolve nower in industry and behave like true democrats. We want to manufacture things to satisfy people's needs rather than the money market.
"We want to foster better relationships with countries

To vote Labour once did not guarantee that all those things could be done. "Our job is to persuade you to support Labour consistently at both local and parliamentary elections until a distinct socialist pattern begins to emerge", he said.

Mr Alkinson argued that it

would not be possible to end unemployment, stop continuous price inflation, and provide more money for the health service, education, pensions and housing unless the economy was

"What I am not prepared to do is to have a witch-hunt on the

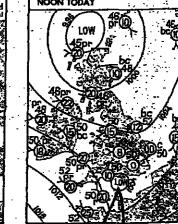
welfare state and the DHSS which will only affect millions of people genuinely entitled to

benefit."
Of the £10,000m paid out

annually, fraud accounted for only £2.6m, he said, and urged would-be complainants to be

No witch-hunt of social security claimants

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erate or fresh; max temp 12°C N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man: Rain at first, becoming brighter with showers, probably wintry on hills;

Saturday : Rather cold, sunny intervals, showers, some of which wind mainly W fresh. Max temp 11°C (52°F). East, Central N, NE England:
Rather cloudy, rain in places, becoming clearer; wind 5W, fresh;
max temp 11° to 12°C (52° to
54°F). may be prolonged and heavy; night frost in places.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover: Wind S or SW: becoming NW, strong occasionally gale; sea rough or very rough. English Channel (E): Wind S. Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth: Sumny intervals, showers; wind SW, mod-erate; max temp 11°C (52°F). becoming NW, strong or gald, decreasing fresh; sea rough or very rough, becoming moderate. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind S, soon becoming NW, fresh or strong; sea moderate or rough. Glasgow. Central Highlands, Argyle, SW, NW Scotland, N Ire-land: Bright intervals, showers,

Yesterday

occasionally heavy and prolonged, thunder, snow on some hills; wind W, moderate or fresh; max temp 9°C (48°F). London: Temp: max, 7 am to 7 pm, 14°C (57°F): min, 7 pm to 7 am, 6°C (43°F). Humidity. 7 pm, 31 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 7 pm, 0.08in. Sun, 24hr to 7 pm, 12.6hr. Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm, 1,015.1 millibars, falling. 9°C (48°F):

NE Scotland, Orkney: Bright intervals, showers, occasionally heavy, thunder; wind S or SW, moderate or fresh; max temp 9°C (48°F).

Shetland: Bright intervals, showers, occasionally heavy, thunder; wind SE, moderate or fresh; max temp 8°C (46°F). 1,000 millibars=29.53in.



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Weather forecast and recordings

Suo rises : 5.39 am Suu sets : 8.19 pm Full moon: May 3.

Lighting up: 8.49 pm to 5.7 am. High water: London Bridge, 9.20 am, 5.8m (19.0ft); 9.43 pm, 5.7m, 18.7ft. Avonmouth, 2.15 am, 10.1m (33.2ft); 3.7 pm, 10.2m, 33.5ft. Dover, 7.9 am, 5.2m (17.1ft); 7.42 pm, 5.3m, 17.5ft. Hull, 1.55 am, 5.5m (18.1ft); 2.7 pm, 5.8m, 18.9 ft. Liverbool, 7.4 am, 7.4m (24.4ft); 7.53 pm, 7.5m, 24.6ft.

Pressure will remain low near N Scotland with troughs of low pressure moving E across most parts in a W airstream. Forecasts for 6 am to midnight: London, SE, Central S England,

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East Argila, Midlands: Rather
cloudy, rain in places, becoming
clearer; wind S fresh, becoming
variable or W moderate. Max
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showery with bright spells; wind
variable becoming W or NW mod-

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair;